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Panto company gives poorly kids a ray of sunshine

FOR those children not packing their bags and jetting off on a summer holiday this year, the Starlight Children's Foundation charity brought some much-needed fun and entertainment.

Interactive theatre group The Panto Company visited the children's ward at Milton Keynes Hospital yesterday to put on a special patomime of Aladdin, created for the charity.

The panto will tour hospitals and hospices across the country for seven weeks, bringing fun to thousands of sick children.

Funtime: Members of the cast of Aladdin perform in the children's ward at MK Hospital

Multi-million deal to put council 'in control'

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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LANDMARK city sites including The National Bowl and the Coachway are likely to be bought by Milton Keynes Council in a multi-million pound deal that would allow it to take 'control over its own destiny'.

But the plan is being discussed with caution, particularly in light of February's budget cuts which slashed £27million from council spending this financial year, and £71million over the next four years.

The scheme to transfer government-owned land in the city from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) moved a step closer last Tuesday after the decision-making cabinet agreed to look into buying the land in more detail.

Around 20 main sites close to the city centre and several hundred small sites are being considered, which have the potential for the development of 5,000 homes, 500,000 sq metres of employment space and 250 hectares of open space before 2025/6.

Also included are The National Bowl, the Bus Station, Coachway and the Open Market, with the HCA yet to compile a complete list of all the land available.

Although a deal is still being thrashed out, it is expected the council will either pay in one up-front amount, or an up-front amount plus deferred payments over an agreed period.

If an agreement can be reached, the transfer could take place as early as April next year.

Conservative leader of the council Andrew Geary has admitted the timing is not ideal in light of the budget constraints, but the opportunity for the council is too good to miss. The authority has never had full planning control over the whole of the borough as the Government has always retained some land ownership.

He said: "In a sense the timing is not up to us because the HCA has decided to do something. If we could choose the timing it may not be now.

"But we have to look at what's best for Milton Keynes.

"This is one of the final pieces of the jigsaw - the local authority has never really had control over its own destiny. This will put it into the hands of those who people elected."

A cross-party report presented to the cabinet at the meeting recommended the transfer but also warned built assets such as The Bowl may carry 'significant liabilities'.

Cllr Geary said mistakes had been made in the past with the management of such assets and that strategies need to be in place before any deal is struck.

He said: "The Bowl was supposed to make Milton Keynes Council a lot of money, but it blew a lot.

"There's a history in the council of not managing strategic assets well once we have acquired them.

"The report is saying we need to get the strategy together before we acquire them."

The author of the report, Labour councillor Brian White, said the right deal needs to be struck with the Government.

He added: "The council is being asked to grasp the opportunity it has to purchase the assets, but not at any price.

"It has got to be a good deal, we can't accept anything at top dollar."

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Council's backing gives canal restoration project a big boost

THE restoration of a canal which ran through Stony Stratford is one step closer after South Northamptonshire Council pledged its support.

The disused Buckingham Canal, which closed down in the 1960s and ran along the Stony Stratford Arms, was the link between Buckingham and the Grand Union lock at Cosgrove.

Its restoration is being led by the Buckingham Canal Society (BCS) and last month the council's Policy Review and Development Committee gave its backing to the restoration plans and approved a partnership agreement with the society.

The council will now, among other things, keep BCS informed of any consultations on plans and strategies, or other opportunities for the canal society to contribute to the development of its plans, and provide advice on grant funding opportunities and assist BCS in applying for funds.

Terry Cavender, from BCS, said: "The support for the restoration from the district councils through this partnership enables us to further demonstrate the community support for the project. This support is essential when making fundraising applications to grant-giving bodies to enable the progression of the restoration project."

Soccer stalwart nets top award

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A SEVENTY-TWO-YEAR-OLD who has been volunteering at his local football club for 25 years will be recognised by some of the biggest names in the game on Sunday.

Michael Judd, currently club secretary at Stony Stratford Town FC, will be going to Wembley Stadium to attend The FA Community Awards after being named winner of the National Volunteer of the Year Award.

He got involved with the club in the '80s when his sons started playing, and is now responsible for all pitch maintenance, cutting six acres of grass, marking out four pitches and ensuring all goalposts, stands and dugouts are maintained.

He has even helped to bail the club out financially when it has been in crisis.

Even after the loss of his wife and with two young boys to raise, Michael's commitment to the club never wavered, and has helped hundreds of children from across the city develop their game.

"I'm 72 and no spring chicken," he said.

Dedicated: Michael Judd who has won national recognition for his contribution to football

"But I've given the club a lot and it's given me a lot back, so it's a two-way thing.

"If I'm honest I do think I've done enough to deserve this. I've done everything in the club possible, including chairman – but I've never been treasurer thank God."

Michael will be collecting the award in front of football legends including Sir Geoff Hurst, Ian Rush and Pat Jennings, and will watch the FA Community Shield match between Manchester City and Manchester United.

McDonald's director of football, Sir Geoff Hurst, said: "Michael embodies the spirit of a volunteer.

"In spite of personal challenges, he has continued to show his dedication to Stony Stratford Town to the benefit of, literally, hundreds of young people.

"I am looking forward to meeting Michael on Sunday to express my congratulations on his award."

Panorama praises MK maternity unit

A MATERNITY unit which has previously been heavily criticised has been praised in a popular BBC documentary series.

Milton Keynes Hospital hit nationwide screens in the Panorama One Born Every 40 Seconds programme on BBC1.

During the filming reporter Shelley Jofre praised the maternity unit – which has come under fire in the last three years due to midwife shortages and three child deaths that a coroner said could have been prevented.

The show, which aired on Monday, July 24, was looking at the recent baby boom in the UK, and said that last year the hospital only had to close its doors 14 times to patients, compared to Cambridge which shut 48 times in the same period.

Head of midwifery Elizabeth Allen, *right*, said: "We invited Panorama into the unit to film because we have nothing to hide and wanted people to see for themselves how much things have improved.

"We are not complacent and will be continuing to look for ways to improve the experience mums and dads have on our maternity unit, but we know that Milton Keynes is a safe place to have a baby."

170 jobs to go as RBS axes branch

BY HAZEL SLADE
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BANKING giant The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) is to axe 170 jobs and close its Milton Keynes branch, it was announced yesterday.

However, an RBS spokesman said not all the staff at the office in Silbury Boulevard, in the city centre, will end up unemployed as the company will try to offer them other roles across the country.

He added: "As we work to rebuild RBS and repay the taxpayer for their support we continue to streamline and make efficiencies across our businesses to ensure we remain competitive.

"Having to cut jobs is the most difficult part of our work to rebuild RBS. We will do all we can to support our staff, offer redeployment opportunities wherever possible and keep compulsory redundancies to an absolute minimum."

The branch, which is due to close in June 2012, is one of 12 being closed by the bank across the county as part of a downsizing operation.

David Fleming, Unite national officer, said: "The workforce that have been informed that they have no future at the Royal Bank of Scotland site in Milton Keynes will be devastated.

"It is staggering that around 80 per cent of those losing their jobs are female.

"These job cuts come at a time when Royal Bank of Scotland has already cut a sizeable number of staff from London and the South East region. Most notably, announcing the closure of operations in Enfield, Borehamwood and some operations in London.

"Unite will continue to press the company to offer redeployment and retraining opportunities to staff in order to minimise the impact of this decision."

From left: Olivia Sixsmith, Ross Harmon, Jenny Lake and Andrew Hooper

Performers wild about West Side

THESE are four of the 150 performers who will be starring in a special production of the classic musical West Side Story from tomorrow.

Fourteen-year-old Andrew Hooper, from Newport Pagnell, and Olivia Sixsmith, 16, from Wavendon, will be appearing alongside leads Jenny Lake, from Bedford, and Ross Harmon, from Northampton, as well as other people from the region who auditioned as part of the Stage Experience initiative.

The show will be performed at Milton Keynes Theatre until Saturday after the nine to 21-year-olds spent two gruelling weeks in rehearsals.

Olivia said the experience has given her a good idea of where her career could take her in the future.

"This is what I want to do, so any opportunity to do something like this is fantastic," she said.

Andrew added: "I've never done anything like this before – it really shows you how hard a theatre show is to put on."

■ **For more information about the production, see MK LIFE from page 29.**

Bag arson fears

THREE suspected arsons started in refuse and recycling bags yesterday morning have led to firefighters urging residents to be cautious.

All three incidents happened between 3.45 and 4.20am in Heelands – two were in Arncliffe Drive and one in Ramsgill Court.

Firefighter Jim Hutchison, from Great Holm Fire Station, said: "The bags had been placed near cars and, in one case, a trailer tent. Although we managed to stop the fires spreading to the vehicles, they could have caused significant damage.

"We are encouraging people not to put their refuse and recycling bags out too early and to put them somewhere safe so that in the event of someone setting fire to them, the fire doesn't spread."

Flasher strikes

A MAN wearing a t-shirt and no trousers was spotted touching himself inappropriately at a lakeside.

Two people saw the man in bushes near Tongwell Lake, in Milton Keynes, at lunchtime on Monday, July 25.

Thames Valley Police have confirmed this is one of 16 exposures reported to them since July 1 this year – although they do not think they are all connected. Police attended and carried out a search but there was no trace of the man.

The man is described as white, about 6ft, slim, in his early 20s, with curly brown hair. He was wearing a black t-shirt. Anyone with any information should contact the police on 0845 8 505 505, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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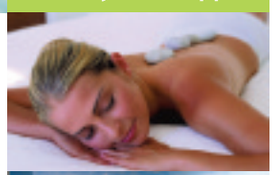

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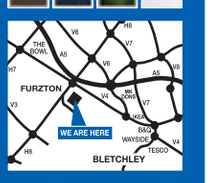

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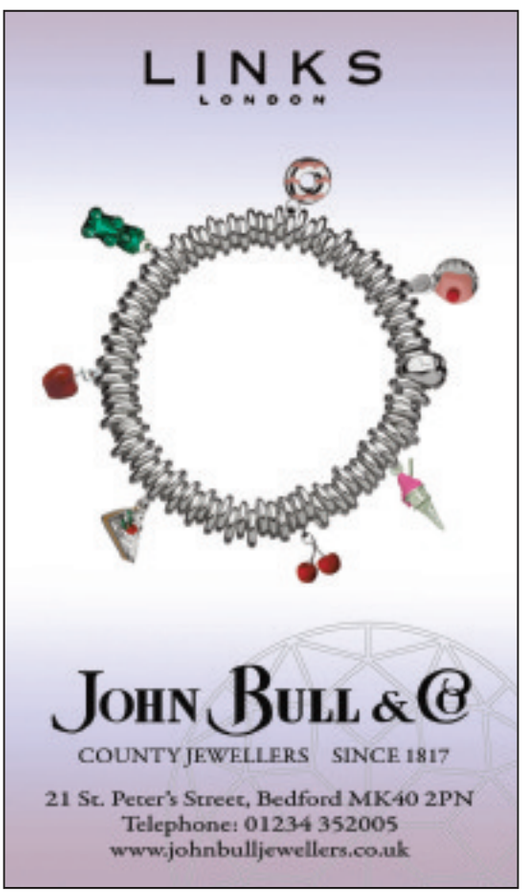

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Speed bump problems mean they're no solution

SIR - While I agree with Mr Russell that measures need to be taken to slow down traffic in Whalley Drive (Letters, MK NEWS, July 27), speed bumps are not the solution.

While they will slow down traffic at that point (people will go fast between them to make up the 'lost' time), there is evidence proving that the installation of speed bumps causes damage to surrounding buildings, especially when heavy lorries etc go over them.

A better option is to install traffic calming measures such as reducing the road width at certain points to choke the traffic, or speed related traffic lights, which only go red when someone passes a sensor at more than the speed limit.

Robin Edmonds
East Dales
Heelands

House values not the reason for opposing building plan

SIR - I write in response to the anonymous correspondent who wrote the letter 'How to preserve open space' in MK News last week.

They are obviously not in possession of the full facts as to why 400 local residents, myself included, have signed a petition against the building of 89 homes on part of the Windmill Hill Golf Course.

I strongly object to their first statement that we are worried that the value of our properties will decrease.

If this person had been witness to any of our discussions and correspondence etc, or been present at the West Bletchley Council meeting when the proposal was discussed and, incidentally, voted against, they would know that this is certainly not our prime consideration.

Is this person aware of the traffic problems which already exist in Tattenhoe Lane?

I doubt it.

The additional volume of cars entering and leaving the proposed site and the building of a second access road to the estate so near to the roundabout in Standing Way is one issue.

Tattenhoe Lane is on a bus route and is already a very busy road at peak times as an access road to the MK grid road system.

Drivers also have to contend with cars parked for some distance along the road outside the preparatory school in the mornings, afternoons and when it quite frequently holds events there.

Drivers use Tattenhoe Lane in preference to Shenley Road because of the speed humps now in place there and there is a new doctor's surgery in Muirfield Drive which has brought extra traffic into the area.

We also have learner drivers using Muirfield Drive from morning until evening for their reversing around corners/three point turns/emergency stop procedure, who also use Tattenhoe Lane to gain access to or exit Muirfield Drive.

I disagree with the statement that the 89 proposed homes will not cause extra congestion in the area. Of course they will, especially as most households now own more than one car.

As for the statement that facilities at the golf course will be improved to generate extra income, does this person live in the area?

I live on the opposite side of Tattenhoe Lane so noise from the clubhouse when it is hired out for social functions does not affect me personally, but I understand that houses adjacent to the existing facilities are badly affected by loud music and noise. I fully support those residents in their right to object so that the problem is not exacerbated with more frequent hiring of a new venue.

I also fully support those objecting to the development because it would mean loss of open space.

I am not a golfer but I understand and am sympathetic to what the loss of the golf course would mean to those who use it.

I must stress that there is more than one issue at stake here. Yes we want the golf course to remain and it is a great pity that it is suffering financial difficulties, but building 89 homes on part of it is not the answer and I find the suggestion that our objections are motivated by the loss in value of neighbouring houses to be extremely offensive.

June Boobyer
Sent by e-mail

Fears for traffic congestion, flooding and more noise

SIR - Your correspondent who suggested that residents objecting to the proposal to build 89 houses on the Windmill Hill Golf Course are motivated by the fear that this would reduce house values chose to remain anonymous, which rather devalues his/her contribution to a controversial issue, because we do not know what interest he/she has. Is he/she a resident, a golfer or a developer?

I do not recall anyone expressing the opinion that this development would affect house prices.

Your correspondent expresses the opinion that the only way for the management company of the course to make a profit is to build houses on part of the golf course, and to build a smaller clubhouse to replace the present one, but offers no proof that there is no other way, or that this will be a lasting solution to the company's difficulties.

If this does not work, shall they come back in five years' time seeking to build more houses?

The existing clubhouse is some 100 metres away from the nearest houses in Portrush Close, and the closest car parking is 80 metres away, and residents there already complain about noise late at night from functions held in the clubhouse.

The proposed new clubhouse would be only 55 metres away, with the car park closer still.

Is your anonymous correspondent sufficiently unfeeling as to dismiss the objections of residents of Portrush Close as being concerned only with property values?

What is my interest? I live nearby, but far enough away, I think, for it to be unlikely that the value of my house should be affected. I am concerned that traffic congestion is likely to increase, I care about the fact that flooding already threatens several properties near the clubhouse, and further development is likely to exacerbate it, and I feel very sorry for those residents who are already disturbed by noise and face the prospect of the source of the noise being moved even closer to them.

Donald MacCallum.
Pulborough Close
Bletchley

Growth is needed to keep young people in the city

SIR - I write in reference to the story 'People power wins after plan rejected' printed in MK NEWS on July 20.

Of course no-one wants 102 new dwellings built on their doorstep, but Milton Keynes now has a third generation of local people and if we want our young people and families to stay here we have to grow.

Storey Homes are not greedy developers, they want to help encourage homebuyers to live and stay in the area.

Where would we be if all the local people had said no to Milton Keynes in the first place?

I hope that Storey Homes appeal and win.

Name and address supplied

Support is needed over new community project

SIR - Thank you for the article 'Council's u-turn on land puts planned centre under threat', printed in MK NEWS on July 20.

The decision means that Woughton Community Council is now not in a position to offer a lease of the land in Buckland Drive, Netherfield, to The People's Project as promised.

The People's Project was conceived after the Social Atlas was first published by the Deputy Prime Minster's Office under the previous government and thereafter by Milton Keynes Council.

This project set out to bring together the communities of Netherfield, Beanhill, Tinkers Bridge and Coffee Hall.

The intention was, and still is, to build an all-purpose community centre from which every one can benefit and that will instil a sense of well-being and achievement.

In socially excluded areas there are many common problems and challenges including poverty, family difficulties, child pregnancies and lack of access to basic services such as good housing and adequate education.

By working together we can remove the stigma that is attached to these estates.

These estates have, for years, been passed over by successive councils and enough is enough.

The People's Project is non-political and needs your support.

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All set: ***From left*****, George Fountaine, Russell Fancourt, David Biggs and Kaye Biggs, part of the canoeing team**

Canoeing challenge for charity

SEVEN brave canoeists are taking on the ultimate paddle challenge in an attempt to raise cash for Willen Hospice.

Members from Milton Keynes Canoe Club, based at Caldecotte Lake, will be tackling the Three Lakes Challenge in Cumbria, when they attempt to paddle the length of the three longest lakes in the county – Ullswater, Coniston Water and Windemere.

They hope to complete the 22-mile trip in just ten hours on September 3. The group have entered training early to ensure they complete the mammoth task, as each team member will make approximately 30,000 paddle strokes, could lose up to six pints of liquid in perspiration and may get thumb blisters.

You can keep track of their training on their Facebook site, MKCC-3lakeschallenge, and sponsor them at www.justgiving.com/mkcc-3lakeschallenge.

Vital service saved

BY DAN PALMER
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A VALUABLE service for bereaved people has been saved from closure after a grieving mother campaigned for vital cash.

The Milton Keynes Bereavement Service, based at the City Counselling Centre, was due to close in March next year after its funding was cut by Milton Keynes Council.

Mother Odette Mould, who tragically lost her five-year-old son Harry in 2009, is one of hundreds to have benefited from the counselling service, which is run by hard-working volunteers.

She steered those involved in the direction of supermarket giant Sainsbury's, and the Milton Keynes store has now named the service as its charity of the year.

Customers were able to vote for their favourite good cause to form a shortlist of three, and after making it through the service was picked as the winner.

It means that Sainsbury's will hold fundraising events throughout the year to raise money which will keep the service open for an extra 12 months.

Mrs Mould said: "It's fantastic news. I have a lot of respect for the volunteers who helped me, my daughter and my husband."

A spokesman for the Bereavement Service added: "We are extremely grateful for this opportunity. We have been serving the local community as a voluntary service for over 30 years and this partnership will enable us to continue our valuable work for another year."

Nick Wynne, manager at Sainsbury's Milton Keynes, said the service was a 'worthy cause'.

He added: "We're pleased and proud to be supporting it over the next 12 months."

Jury hears evidence in teen murder trial

A MAN accused of murdering a teenager outside his school has told a court he stabbed him by accident in self-defence.

Adam Moore, 20, told a jury he did not intend to harm Adil Basharat, 16, whose pelvis was pierced with a broken golf club outside Kingsbrook School in Deanshanger on November 19.

Giving evidence at Northampton Crown Court, Mr Moore said he took the golf club from his car and confronted Adil's group. He started fighting with another teenager and said he was hit from behind and fell forward, on top of co-defendant Daniel Anderson and Adil, and got up with the handle still in his hand.

He added "I didn't really know what had happened. I thought I might have caused injury to Adil but I was not sure."

Mr Moore, from Cosgrove, Mr Anderson, 20, from Stony Stratford, Freddy Wilson, 20, from Deanshanger, and 22-year-old Jake Batten, from Deanshanger, all deny murder and violent disorder.

Mr Moore and Billy Billingham, 19, of Bradville, also deny conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm.

Yesterday, prosecutor Benjamin Aina QC addressed the jury in his closing speech in the case, saying the motive for the attack was one of revenge and was orchestrated by Mr Billingham.

He asked why Mr Moore did not wait at the scene if something happened he had not intended.

He added: "They ran off leaving items behind. Why?

"If they did not know they had got the wrong Adil why did they remain together and go to Adam Moore's house?"

The case continues.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Teenager on child sex rap

A TEENAGER has been charged with sexual activity with a child.

Ryan Chambers, 18, of Netherfield, Milton Keynes, has been charged with four offences with three different girls, all under 16 years old, between October 31, 2010 and June 30, 2011.

Chambers appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates Court on Saturday, July 2 and was remanded in custody to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court on September 19.

Top spy to join park Trust

THE former chief of the Secret Intelligence Service is taking over the reins as chairman of the Bletchley Park Trust.

Sir John Scarlet will start in the role at the beginning of next year, taking over from Sir Francis Richards.

Already an existing trustee, Sir John said he welcomed the challenge of his new role.

Arrest made over theft of bike

A MAN has been arrested on suspicion of stealing a 12-year-old boy's bike from a BMX track.

At about 3.45pm on Thursday, the child was approached by a black youth with afro hair, who asked for a ride on his bike, at the BMX track in Pineham, Milton Keynes, and then disappeared.

An 18-year-old man from Milton Keynes has been arrested on suspicion of theft of a pedal cycle and has been released on bail until September 6.

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Cash left in curry house

A RESTAURANT owner is searching for the customer who left two bundles of cash on the floor of his curry house.

Akbar Ali, *right,* was shocked to discover the 'significant amount' of money in the lounge area at the Kardamom Lounge, in High Street, Stony Stratford.

He believes the cash was left sometime between 8 and 9.30pm on Saturday, July 23 and is searching for the owner so he can return it.

He said: "I don't want someone else's money. I hope they do come and get it. We will hang on to it, but if no-one comes and gets it, it will go to charity."

Mr Ali would not reveal the exact amount of cash as he wants the owner to visit the restaurant and identify how much there is, in a bid to stop fraudsters attempting to take it.

The owner is urged to call Mr Ali on 01908 567481/567538 or visit the restaurant.

Gypsy site put on hold

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE construction of a controversial travellers site has been suspended pending further investigation.

There has already been £600,000 spent on clearing woodland in preparation for the development of the site at Fenny Lock, which would provide ten pitches.

But the new Conservative administration has now decided to suspend the work until a 'value for money' review has been carried out into whether the £1.2million that is still left could be better spent elsewhere.

Work started earlier this year after the scheme was given approval by the then Liberal Democrat decision-making cabinet in December. This was despite protestations from many local residents and a cross-party review suggesting more investigation was needed.

Peter Geary, the new cabinet member responsible for property and accommodation, said last Tuesday he didn't want to continue to build the site just because money has already been spent if the remainder could be better used elsewhere. It is vital that any money we have is used in the most effective and efficient way," he said.

"For those involved in housing in Milton Keynes there can be no doubt we are facing significant challenges with our housing stock.

"We have 40 families classed as homeless, housed outside of Milton Keynes, because we don't have sufficient housing stock here.

"Before we proceed with this project we need to be assured we get the best value for money we can."

But one opposition councillor believes the move is a backwards step.

Andy Maric, Lib Dem councillor for Newport Pagnell, said: "It really frustrates me when I hear Conservative councillors saying there isn't a need for a travellers' site.

"Caravans and encampments by the side of our roads used to be a real problem in MK and was one of the things the Lib Dems took action on - it received a lot of local and cross party support for addressing it up front."

Pub refurb set to boost employment in the city

TWENTY new jobs will be created as part of a £400,000 transformation of a city pub.

The Furzton Lake, in Shirwell Crescent, Furzton, will be calling last orders on Monday and will reopen on August 22 after being transformed into Milton Keynes' first Carvery Fayre and Square.

The new-look pub will officially be launched with a free family fun day featuring jugglers and face painters on Saturday, September 3 from noon to 4pm.

And to mark the opening, The Furzton Lake is looking for a family who deserves a treat.

General manager Neil Collins said: "I'm sure there are so many families within the community who are an inspiration to others through their voluntary work or who have overcome hurdles but don't get any recognition. I would like to use our opening as an opportunity to say thank you by treating a family to VIP treatment including a meal on us."

The chosen family will also go forward to a national final to find the Fayre and Square Family of the Year.

If you would like to nominate a family call 01908 520200.

'Save NHS' campaign to meet for first time

A MEETING of residents and councillors is due to take place this evening to set up a Save Our NHS Campaign.

The campaign has been sparked by fears Milton Keynes Hospital may lose services as part of a regional Acute Services Review and because the NHS is facing the challenge of saving £20billion nationally.

In a letter to MK NEWS, the proponents of the group are also worried a move away from the traditional Primary Care Trust to GP commissioning could create a 'two-tier' health system in the city and that 'privatisation is at the core' of a Health Bill currently going through Parliament.

The letter, from councillors Nigel Long, Arun Vaidyanathan and chairman of the Older Person's Forum Peter Ballantyne, states: "We are not like America where millions have no access to good healthcare and each year thousands lose their homes to pay health bills.

"We do not want the coalition Government to dismantle our NHS. A group of local residents are coming together to save and improve our NHS.

"It is wrong to put profits before the health and care needs of people."

The meeting is due to be held at the Civic Offices in Silbury Boulevard at 7pm.

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Chef Jamie's city date

POPULAR TV chef Jamie Oliver is opening a restaurant in thecentre:mk later this month.

Jamie's Italian, which will open on August 22, will be bringing 90 new jobs to the city. Jamie's mentor, Gennaro Contaldo, will be in Milton Keynes during August to help train the chefs in the new restaurant, which will seat 180 people.

Child poverty challenge

AN INITIATIVE has been launched after one in five children in the city were found to be living in poverty.

Over the next six months families will be consulted on issues relating to child poverty before recommendations are submitted to the Milton Keynes Children and Families Partnership.

Choir is seeking a chief

THE hunt is on for a musical director to lead a well-known city choir.

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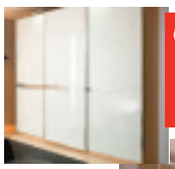

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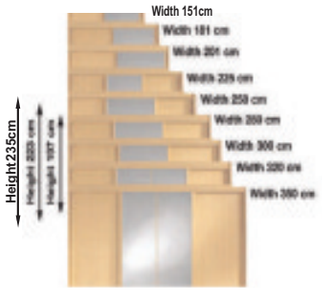

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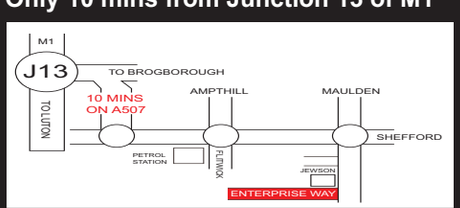

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Opponents sign up in speed limit row

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A PETITION against a planned speed limit change has been set up by a councillor who was part of the committee that gave the scheme the green light.

Since MK NEWS exclusively revealed the speed limit on some major residential roads in West Bletchley could be cut from 30mph to 20mph in an effort to curb speeding, residents and road users have been sending in letters objecting to the plan.

Now one councillor is collecting signatures and says if he receives enough support he will take a motion of opposition to a full meeting of West Bletchley Council on August 22.

Arun Vaidyanathan, who is vice-chairman of the council's planning committee which voted in favour of the scheme, doesn't believe changing the limit will solve the traffic problems.

"It won't work because it's too slow, and if we all drive like that it will create more problems for the motorists," he said. "It's just not workable.

"All the residents who have to go short distances will have to do so in third gear, it's just ridiculous."

Arun Vaidyanathan, *centre left*, with other residents opposed to the speed limit cut

Roads where the limit could be reduced are Church Green Road, Rickley Lane, Westminster Drive, Whalley Drive and sections of Melrose Avenue and Shenley Road.

Cllr Vaidyanathan feels other initiatives, such as double yellow lines at the junction of Whaddon Way and Whalley Drive, would be more useful.

He added: "I don't see why people who don't live here should impose these speed limits on us."

A decision on whether to go ahead with the scheme will be made by Milton Keynes Council later this year.

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Man's late night lake swim ends in tragedy

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A MAN found in a 25-acre lake died after getting into difficulties while attempting to cross the water, MK NEWS understands.

Bruce Holliman, 42, from Luton, was staying at the Cosgrove Leisure Park, north of Stony Stratford, when he was reported missing on Sunday afternoon.

It is believed he came to the caravan site to stay with a friend, who lived on a plot, on Saturday night before attending a tribute night to singer Amy Winehouse, who died on July 23, at the Cosgrove Lodge Hotel.

Shortly before 3pm on Sunday he attempted to swim across the large lake but soon disappeared from sight.

His friend reported him missing and a specialist search and rescue team from Thames Valley Police discovered his body six hours later, at 9.30pm.

Brian Taylor, a director of the caravan park, said: "He went to the tribute night with his friend the night before and came back onto the park and decided to go for a swim.

"We do not permit any swimming in any of our lakes."

A Thames Valley Police spokesman said his death was being treated as unexplained, but not suspicious.

A post-mortem examination was carried out yesterday and no cause of death has been given.

An inquest is expected to be opened and adjourned on Friday.

MP gives US boffin guided tour of park

MILTON Keynes South MP Iain Stewart paid a special visit to Bletchley Park on Friday to show a professor the famous site.

Scott Fahlman, professor of artificial intelligence from the Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, United States, is a family friend of Mr Stewart and was particularly interested in the work of codebreaker Alan Turing.

He said: "I think it is really exciting that the Turing papers are now collected and on display here.

"This gives people one more reason to make a pilgrimage to Bletchley Park."

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Fatalities prompt safety statement

BY HAZEL SLADE
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A TRANSPORT boss is warning drivers to be 'diligent and sensible' after two men were killed following three serious accidents in just three days.

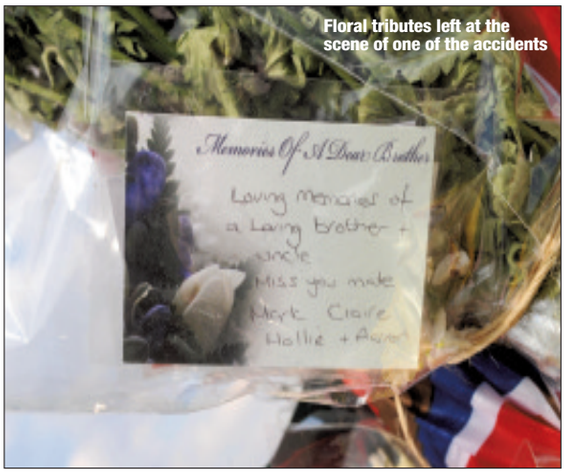
Former motorcyclist Councillor John Bint, cabinet member for transport at Milton Keynes Council, made the statement after the accidents last week.

Anthony Louw, 45, was killed when he hit the central reservation on the northbound carriageway of the A5(D) just after 7pm last Wednesday.

Richard Tidborough, 39, from Newport Pagnell, also died after he lost control of his yellow Seat Leon on the Kents Hill roundabout and collided with a black Dodge Caliber in the early hours of Friday morning.

A 46-year-old motorcyclist, who has not been named, is in Milton Keynes General Hospital with life threatening injuries after his Suzuki collided with a Ford Transit van on V11 Tongwell Street, Northfield, at 8.30pm last Wednesday.

At the time of going to press, his condition was serious but stable.



Floral tributes left at the scene of one of the accidents

Cllr Bint said: "With any serious accident the council will always look at the circumstances and see if there are lessons to be learnt in road safety and design.

"Milton Keynes' grid system has sufficient capacity that you can get anywhere much more easily than other places, like Bedford for example.

"There's no need to rush, as you can get anywhere quickly.

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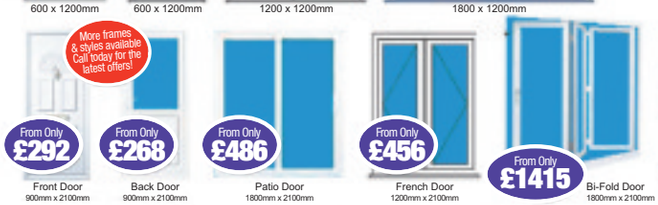

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On the trail: Judy Deveson next to the bus shelter on Ridgeway and, *inset*, how it should look

A FLOWER hunt is under way after 'mean spirited' thieves stole six planters - just days before judges visit as part of the national Britain in Bloom competition.

On Friday morning, shocked Stony in Bloom volunteers were upset to find the planters, filled with purple-blue surfings and white daisies and fuchsias, had disappeared from the top of two bus shelters on Ridgeway in Fullers Slade.

Now the group has launched a campaign to try to find the planters, worth about £550, before Britain in Bloom judges make their visit on August 11.

Judy Deveson, chairman of Stony in Bloom, believes the thieves must have used a van and ladder, as the planters are quite heavy.

She said: "We've been working so hard and just can't believe people can be so mean spirited. We now want people to keep their eyes open at car boot sales and things like that to see if we can find them."

The group has launched a campaign on Facebook but doesn't believe the thefts will harm their chances too badly in the competition as judges will take into account the situation.

Neighbourhood police are on patrol in the area, looking for any suspicious activity.

The theft comes after a hanging basket was stolen from Market Square on Saturday night.

Several plants were also pulled out and a planter kicked over in the High Street on the same night.

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New cleaner stole cash from nursery

BY HAZEL SLADE
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A CLEANER has admitted stealing almost £6,000 from a nursery just days after he started working there.

Aser Blackman, 20, of Down Barn, Milton Keynes, admitted taking the money from Cherry Tree Nursery, in West Road, Cranfield, by falsely refunding money into his account through a chip and pin machine.

Blackman, *pictured*, pleaded guilty to four counts of fraud, which began on January 6 this year - just two days after he started working as a cleaner for the nursery.

Appearing at Bedford Magistrates' Court last Tuesday, Blackman admitted taking £300 on January 6, £700 on January 10, £900 on January 13 and £4,000 on January 17 this year.

Prosecuting, Camille Giffard said: "The new cleaning contract started on January 4 and then money went missing. The total is over £8,000. Blackman has admitted to £5,900. It came to the attention of the nursery manager because one of the banks which provide the refund machine called because there were some suspicious refunds. He was authorising refunds to himself. He has made admissions to using the chip and pin machine.

"Clearly this is a breach of trust. Within two days of starting he has carried out these actions."

The case was adjourned for probation reports and Blackman will return for sentencing next month.

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Family saddles up to remember Carl

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Mitch Wheeler, 51, and sons James, 16, and Thomas, 14, *pictured*, will pedal from John O'Groats to Land's End in memory of their nephew and cousin Carl, who died in 2009. Mitch's wife Diane will also be providing support along the way.

The family, from Great Holm, are hoping to raise cash for Epilepsy Action. To donate to the cause, visit http://uk.virginmoney giving.com/team/end2endwheelers.

Stink still getting up people's noses

CRUNCH talks have been held following fresh complaints over the 'horrendous' smell of a sewage works.

Milton Keynes Council and Anglian Water met at Cotton Valley sewage works in Pineham last week after the authority was contacted over the stench that was hitting properties down wind from the site.

Last year, MK NEWS reported how the water firm was handed a nuisance abatement notice by the council after it left lagoons of sludge exposed in the sun.

But the smell is still affecting the city with a nearby hotel receiving complaints from guests.

A deputy manager at Holiday Inn Express in Fox Milne said: "We have had complaints from guests about the smell, which at times is horrendous.

"Our staff have to deal with it most days and I'm glad the council and Anglian Water are finally doing something about it."

An Anglian Water spokesman said about the meeting: "It was very positive and we're pleased they've recognised the huge strides we have made in reducing odours from the site. It was agreed we would continue to work very closely with the council to carry out further odour surveys and look at whether there are other areas where we could put odour control measures in place."

A council spokesman added: "Despite the new complaints, we believe the situation has improved.

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Jeff wants you to get on your bike

Ready to pedal: Jeff Brazier on a Sky Ride Day earlier this year

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BY HAZEL SLADE
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POPULAR TV presenter Jeff Brazier will be launching a free family cycling event in the city later this month.

Jeff - who found fame after appearing on Channel 4 reality show Shipwrecked and dated Jade Goody - is also expected to take part in the Sky Ride 2011 event.

The fun day, which is part of the national Sky Ride campaign to get a million people cycling regularly by 2013, will take place on Sunday, August 28.

Organised by Sky and British Cycling in partnership with Milton Keynes Council, the 5km ride will take place from 10am to 4pm and all the roads in the centre of the city will be closed to traffic.

Jeff, Sky Ride ambassador, said: "It's a great day out for the whole family, so make sure you sign up for some fun on two wheels."

Thousands of people are expected to take part during the day, which will also feature attractions like street entertainers and bike maintainance workshops. Bikes will be available to hire, or people can take their own.

The route will include Midsummer Boulevard, Avebury Boulevard and Silbury Boulevard and people will be encouraged to stop at the city's attractions as they cycle round.

Ceri Griffin, cycling development officer for the council, said: "This is a great opportunity for all the family to have a wonderful day out.

"It's not a race and you do not need to get sponsored, we just want everyone to have a great time."

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Green champions' eco efforts pay off

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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STUDENTS and staff at a city academy are celebrating becoming the first secondary school in the city to win the prestigious Eco School status.

The culmination of years of hard work by the young Eco Warrior group of pupils and the teaching staff at Oakgrove School has earned them the much sought after Green Flag award from the Keep Britain Tidy group.

Students recently received their certificates, marking the end of a successful campaign to raise the school's green profile with the judges.

Year Seven student Steffen Down, 11, who was a member of the team of Eco Warriors, said: "We have worked really hard as an eco team to achieve this award and it has not only been fun, but it is great to see our efforts have paid off."

Some of their activities included turning previously unused wasteland at the back of the school into a miniature eco garden, complete with an insect city, and a recent walk to school event highlighted the environmental and fitness benefits of leaving the car on the drive for the day.

Headteacher Peter Barnes said: "This is fantastic news. We were always confident of Oakgrove's strong eco credentials, but to get the Green Flag award is a fantastic feather in the cap of the school.

"Oakgrove has a very good academic record and we're hoping for great results in the GCSEs and A-levels from our sixth formers this year, but Eco School status gives us another very strong string to our bow."

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Villages unite in effort to blow wind turbines away

BY HAZEL SLADE
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MORE than 150 residents attended a meeting to air their objections to 15 wind turbines being put next to an ancient woodland.

Residents from seven villages, including Hanslope, Stoke Goldington, Tathall End, Gayhurst and Castlethorpe, are joining forces to fight against the proposals for the energy farm near the popular Salcey Forest.

On Thursday a meeting was held in Stoke Goldington by the organisers of the Save Our Salcey campaign to allow residents to view detailed plans by developers Ecotricity and discuss the impact the development would have.

Ian Allen, chairman of Save Our Salcey, said: "We accept the need to reduce energy consumption and CO2 emissions, but these wind turbines are enormous and operate at low levels of efficiency. If this proposal is allowed to go ahead it would damage the landscape permanently."

Derek Beevor, from Stoke Goldington and a member of the Save Our Salcey committee, added: "There are plans for nearly 160 wind turbines in our region. In every direction, you would see only wind turbines."

The meeting was told the turbines would be more than twice the height of Hanslope church which, as the tallest spire in Buckinghamshire, can be seen from many miles away.

To find out more about the campaign, visit www.saveoursalcey.com.

Coast to coast Canadian caper for city enthusiast in classic car

A CITY man has embarked on a 6,000 mile trip of a lifetime in a 1926 Bentley.

Neil Stephenson, 49, drove coast to coast across Canada with friend Robin Hine, a Canadian who used to live in the city, in the vintage British motor.

Mr Stephenson, from Castlethorpe, said: "It's was a once in a lifetime experience and something I did for the thrill of the journey."

Top gear: Neil Stephenson, *right*, and Robin Hine in the 1926 Bentley

Getting young on the career ladder

BY DAN PALMER
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A NEW academy which aims to 'bridge the gap' between school and full-time employment has been officially launched in Milton Keynes.

Avanta, an employment training company, said that the aim is to drive down youth unemployment in the city.

The Avanta Academy, at Lloyd's Court in Central Milton Keynes, has been piloted for two months and was officially brought to life on Friday at a special launch, which included mayor Alan Richards.

Some young people have already gone on to secure jobs after attending the academy.

Operations manager Dave Carson said: "Our work with young people taught us that one of the biggest barriers to getting into work is that they are not used to working life and are not properly equipped with the skills, or self-confidence, to succeed in getting a job."

The academy provides a free recruitment service to employers, specialising in filling apprenticeship vacancies, which can have great benefits for both the apprentice and the business.

Cutting the ribbon: Mayor Alan Richards officially opens the academy with help from apprentices Yazmin Rennie and Rebecca Hobbs

One supporter of the work being done is Milton Keynes North MP Mark Lancaster.

He said: "The Avanta Academy demonstrates how communities must work together to solve the problem of youth unemployment.

"Supporting our young people by offering them a chance to learn the skills vital to their success, while giving a boost to the local economy by offering businesses apprentices, will go a long way to improve the employment situation in Milton Keynes."

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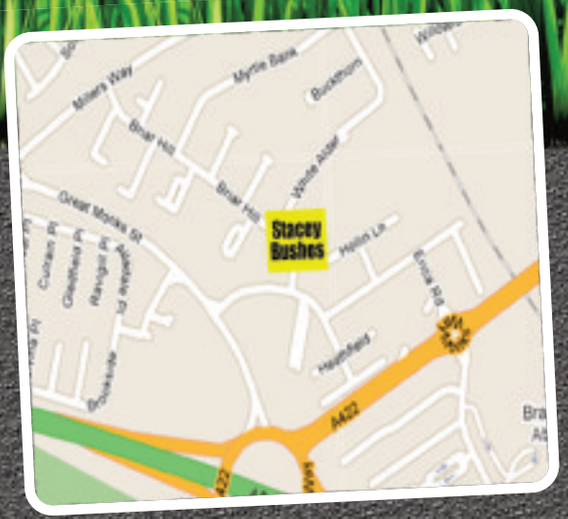

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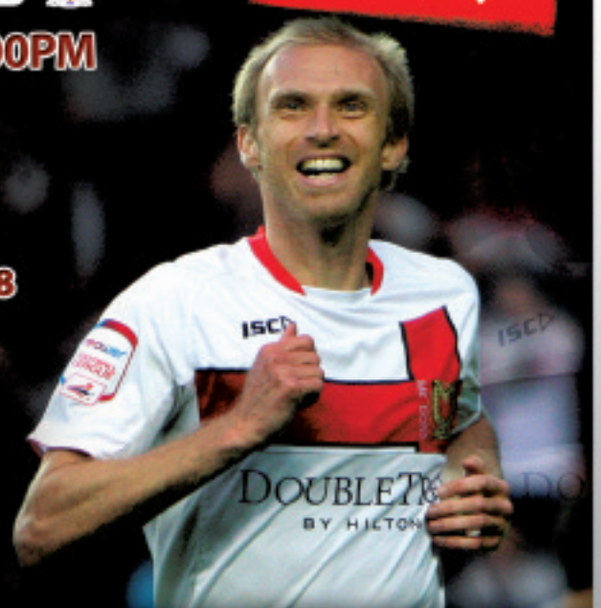

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THE ONLY WAY IS UP

If Dons boss Karl Robinson needs any inspiration for the upcoming season then all he needs to do is think back to the heartbreaking way in which the last campaign ended.

It was a superb first year in charge for the young boss but his side fell just short of achieving the dream of promotion after a play-off semi-final defeat to Peterborough.

Dons went down 2-0 in the second leg at London Road to lose 3-2 on aggregate and were not good enough on the night, but thoughts inevitably turned to a pivotal incident in the first leg at stadiummk, which changed the entire course of the tie.

With the home side 3-1 up and cruising, Dons looked set to grab another goal which would have all but booked them a place in the final at Old Trafford.

But referee Jon Moss had other ideas and awarded the visitors a late penalty for a foul which took place outside the box, and suddenly Posh had a vital lifeline.

Such decisions can have a huge impact on football history, and Peterborough certainly took advantage as they went on to win the final against Huddersfield, securing promotion to the Championship.

Robinson is determined to do the very same at the second time of asking this season but another play-off campaign is not in his thoughts – he wants to win League One and he believes his players are good enough to do it.

Speaking about the Peterborough clash, Robinson said: "We do not want to feel that pain again. It's onwards and upwards for us, it was a positive night in relation to where we want to go.

"I signed a three year contract at this club for a reason, because I care for everybody involved here."

"We're going to have another crack at the Championship and I want to win League One."

Dons have lost big names in Scottish midfielder Peter Leven and centre back Sean O'Hanlon over the summer, but they have also strengthened with the additions of striker Dean Bowditch and midfielders Darren Potter and Jay O'Shea.

Furthermore, the club managed to hold on to key men Sam Baldock and Stephen Gleeson after public interest from Peterborough, which is as good as securing two new signings.

Robinson said the players at the club are the men who want to be there, and everyone is raring to go during what has been described as the 'most exciting pre-season the club has ever had'.

It's a squad that the manager has every faith in, even though the bookies have put the club as far back as 16/1 to top the pile come May. However, the club were similarly written off last year and have every chance of once again proving the doubters wrong.

"Those are good odds," Robinson said.

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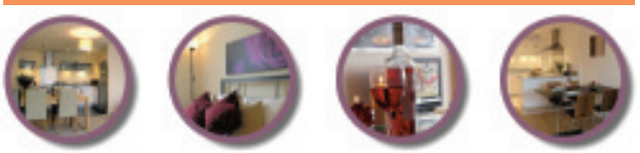

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GETTING STRONGER ALL THE TIME

Pete Winkelman

'Pound for pound, I think we're better than last year'

Pete Winkelman thinks that MK Dons are in a stronger position as they prepare for another crack at promotion to the Championship

The club's Chairman is eagerly awaiting Saturday's big kick-off and has been delighted with the club's meticulous preparations and new arrivals.

Not even the memory of the heartbreaking end to last season can put a negative spin on things, as Mr Winkelman believes that the play-off defeat at Peterborough just proves that the club are moving in the right direction.

He said: "We've been begging to get back into it since almost straight after last season finished.

"Yes, we ended on a downer, but when we lost to Scunthorpe a couple of years ago it took me well into the next season to get over that horror.

"The difference this time is that we are using our achievements to believe that we can go on and do better, and we know that we were not at 100 per cent of our capabilities."

Mr Winkelman believes that Karl Robinson's squad, which will soon be bolstered further with new additions, is a better one than the side that took to the field in 2010/11.

Peter Leven and Sean O'Hanlon have left the club but other signings have been made and Stephen Gleeson and Sam Baldock, two key men, will stay at stadiummk after a much-public courtship from Peterborough.

"Pound for pound, I think we're better than last year," the Chairman said.

"We've still got maybe three things to do before we've got a finished squad. We'll get those players and then we can look forward to a really good season."

League One will be a tough division in the coming campaign with a number of teams all chasing promotion, and Mr Winkelman admits that Dons will be one of the sides others want to beat.

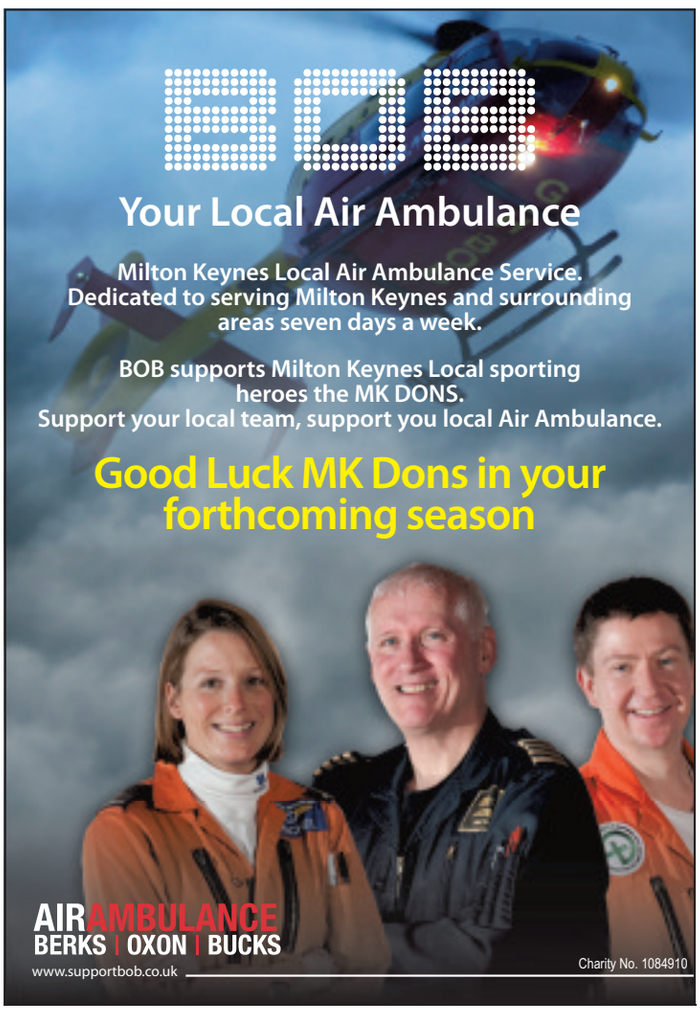
But he said there would be more pressure elsewhere, in particular on Sheffield United and Preston who have fallen through the Championship trapdoor.

"Those are clubs I wouldn't have believed would ever be here," he said. "They've got some good players, but other teams will fear us too. We've got one of the best attacks, one of the best midfields and if we get it right one of the best defences. Put that together as a team and we've got a really good chance."

Promotion is 'absolutely the target' according to Mr Winkelman.

"We're going to raise the bar this year to see if we can actually get over that line," he said.

"We've been so close in the past so maybe it's our time. Maybe we are due."



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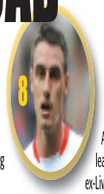

GOALKEEPERS

1. DAVID MARTIN
The 6'2" stopper is ready for his second full season as the club's number one after becoming Karl Robinson's first signing in May 2010.

IAN McLOUGHLIN
The 19-year-old, who has joined this summer, hopes to push Martin all the way for the jersey.

8. DARREN POTTER
Arrived this summer after leaving Sheffield Wednesday, ex-Liverpool man Potter is highly thought of by Karl Robinson.

DEFENDERS

3. DEAN LEWINGTON (C)
The club's longest serving player and influential skipper, full-back Lewey has become part of the furniture at stadiummk.

4. MATHIAS KOUO-DOUMBE
Frenchman who has endeared himself to Dons fans with strong displays from either full-back or the centre of defence.

5. GARY MacKENZIE
A rock in the heart of the defence, MacKenzie will play a key role in keeping the opposition at bay this term.

12. ADAM CHICKSEN
Young, talented defender who could well have a bigger part to play during 2011/12.

15. TOM FLANAGAN
Highly rated up-and-coming defender, another who will hope to become a first team regular.

13. SHAUN WILLIAMS
Arrived last season from Ireland but forced to wait until now for his league debut due to registration problems. Certainly a talent to watch out for.

14. LEWIS GUY
Forward-thinking player who was one of Robinson's first signings as manager and will be hoping to make an impact.

18. GEORGE BALDOCK
Sam's younger brother, George turned pro this year and will be eager for first team opportunities.

21. HARRY MILTON
Like George Baldock an Academy graduate to sign on this season. Milton is another to look out for in the future.

23. JAY O'SHEA
Exciting winger who joined the club in pre-season after last being with Birmingham City.

26. LUKE CHADWICK
The club's player of the year for the last two seasons, Chadwick rarely plays a bad game and has been in sparkling form since joining the Dons.

MIDFIELDERS

7. STEPHEN GLEESON
The Republic of Ireland international was one of the stars of last season and is a vital part of the Dons' plans for success.

FORWARDS

9. DEAN BOWDITCH
New striker who has joined from Yeovil this summer and is keen to bag a number of goals for the Dons.

10. SAM BALDOCK
The first success story of the club's Academy, Baldock is one of the Dons' own and will want to improve on last season's goal tally of 14.

17. DANIEL POWELL
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19. JABO IBEHRE
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20. CHARLIE COLLINS
Up and coming striker who could be banging in the goals at stadiummk in the near future.

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13	Exeter	A	
16	Yeovil	A	
20	Chesterfield	H	
27	Stevenage	H	

SEPTEMBER

3	Carlisle	A	
10	Sheff Wed	A	
13	Charlton	H	
17	Huddersfield	H	
24	Bury	A	

OCTOBER

1	Notts County	H	
8	Oldham	A	
15	Bournemouth	H	
22	Scunthorpe	H	
25	Sheff Utd	A	
29	Walsall	A	

NOVEMBER

5	Rochdale	H	
19	Colchester	A	
26	Wycombe	H	

DECEMBER

10	Tranmere	A	
17	Preston	H	
26	Leyton Orient	A	
31	Brentford	A	

JANUARY

2	Colchester	H	
7	Stevenage	A	
14	Carlisle	H	
21	Notts County	A	
28	Sheff Wed	H	

FEBRUARY

4	Huddersfield	A	
11	Bury	H	
14	Charlton	A	
18	Oldham	H	
25	Bournemouth	A	

MARCH

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6	Yeovil	H	
10	Exeter	H	
17	Chesterfield	A	
20	Leyton Orient	H	
24	Wycombe	A	
31	Brentford	H	

APRIL

7	Preston	A	
9	Tranmere	H	
14	Scunthorpe	A	
21	Sheff Utd	H	
28	Rochdale	A	

MAY

5	Walsall	H	

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THE CLUBS TO BEAT

Dons are determined to go a step further than last season and win promotion to the Championship, but going up is also the ambition of a number of other League One clubs.

Here we take a look at some of the biggest threats to the Dons' aspirations this term.

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

The early favourites with the bookmakers, Huddersfield will be desperate to get out of League One this season.

Lee Clark's side finished the campaign with a phenomenal 27-match unbeaten run but it was not enough for an automatic spot as Brighton and Southampton surged away at the top. After getting past Bournemouth in the play-off semis the Terriers capitulated and lost 3-0 to Peterborough in the final, forcing them to settle for another season in the third tier. Since then Clark has splashed out on seven new players and promotion is the only option this time around.

SHEFFIELD UNITED

A Premier League side as recently as 2007, dropping into League One is nothing short of a disaster for the Blades.

Getting back up as soon as possible will be seen as an absolute necessity, and new manager Danny Wilson has been handed the task. Installed as fourth favourites, United may, like others before them, struggle to adapt to life in the third tier, and Wilson is yet to establish a settled side at Bramall Lane.

However, the club is certainly one of the league's 'big fish' and for that reason alone they are a contender.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

The club from the other side of the steel city, Wednesday are another side who have been described as a 'fallen giant'.

This will be their second consecutive season in League One and for many of their fans that already represents one too many.

The team failed to mount their predicted promotion charge last year but are expected to be further up the table this time around.

Second favourites for the title, the club have stuck with manager Gary Megson who will be expected to produce results.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC

Yet another side who will feel like they don't belong at this level, Charlton had a disappointing time of it last season but they will expect promotion to be on the agenda this time.

To this end, boss Chris Powell has to date signed 11 new players during a hectic summer and the new look squad should better last year's position of 13th.

PRESTON NORTH END

An awful season last year saw Preston relegated from the Championship but the Deepdale club will be confident of an immediate return.

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THROUGH THICK AND THIN

The Dons' loyal supporters will follow the club through thick and thin, and they certainly experienced both ends of the scale of being a football fan last term.

> "There are sure to be more thrills and spills in 2011/12"

Adam Clayton's late winner against Carlisle and the quick-fire three goals in the first leg of the play-off semi-final against Peterborough were definite highs, while the January defeat to Yeovil and the heartbreak of the second leg at London Road rank at the other end of the spectrum.

There are sure to be more thrills and spills in 2011/12 and John Brockwell, Chairman of the MK Dons Supporters' Association, is confident that it's going to be a successful campaign.

But after seeing his club go out in three play-off semi-finals in recent years he is eyeing automatic promotion, and doesn't want any more nervy nights with the possibility of extra time and penalties.

He said: "I just hope we don't go through the lottery for a fourth time, we don't want that uncertainty again.

"People say the play-offs are fun, but please, let's go for an automatic spot. That's got to be the manager's aim."

Mr Brockwell looks back on last season as one which started off a slow burner before gradually coming to the boil. "There was a patchy start to the season but towards the end we put the turbo-chargers on," he said.

"It took the players some time to understand the tactics that we were trying to play, which were different to the manager the previous season, and soon it became embedded."

The memory of the controversial penalty awarded to Peterborough in the first leg of the play-offs lingers on, and Mr Brockwell thinks that if it wasn't for that, everyone could be preparing for Championship football.

"In all possibility we'd have gone through and played Huddersfield, who didn't turn up in the final," he said. "However, we're better off or equal to last season and have a good chance. We've retained most of the squad and the only main player we have lost is Peter Leven. But you can't really tell until you're into the nitty gritty of the season. There are players here who deserve to do well, they've struggled on and have almost been there, and it's time they had something to celebrate."

Like all of us Mr Brockwell is now waiting for the big kick-off against Hartlepool on Saturday.

He added: "I hate making predictions as it always seems the opposite comes true, so I'll say relegation!

"I'd hope that we can have a season like the last one in League 2 when we had an enormously successful season and won two trophies."

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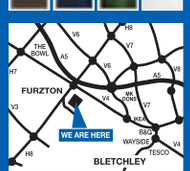

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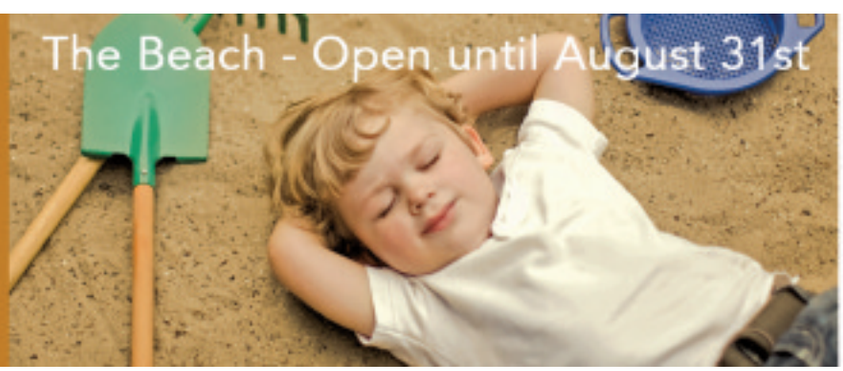

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STARLITE
Paul Weller

IF I'M honest, this really isn't what I was expecting.

Here's my theory as to how it happened.

First of all, imagine what a normal Paul Weller single sounds like (loud guitars, loud drums, loud feedback; in fact, I bet he even wears a loud shirt while he's recording).

Got that? Right, now strip all that back until you get to something that sounds roughly half-finished.

Now, imagine that he went on holiday with the intention of putting the finishing touches to his new single as soon as he got back.

Let's say he went somewhere nice and sunny, but most of all somewhere he could properly chill out and recharge his batteries. He probably didn't go to Butlins Bognor Regis, but I have, so I can say from experience that that's his loss.

Wherever he went must've influenced his thinking, because the finished product sounds like his song's had a head-on collision with The Beloved's The Sun Rising.

We have pianos, an actual dance beat and a singer who sounds at least 20 years younger than he should.

It's also a genuinely summery tune, not one of those rubbish dance tracks that gets advertised as the sound of the summer.

What's more, it's a standalone single so if you're thinking of waiting for the album instead, this won't be on it.

Personally, I think this is well worth a purchase.

FEEL SO CLOSE
Calvin Harris

I DON'T quite understand why British musicians feel they have to go and film their videos in America in order to end up with something that looks cool on telly.

I mean, really, what's wrong with Dunstable? It's got the A6 and an Argos, what more could these record labels want? Beaches? Yeah, fair enough. Desert backdrops? Well, now you're just being picky.

You've probably guessed by now that Calvin Harris' latest video has been filmed on the other side of the pond.

Anyway, you're probably both wondering what I think of this song, so here's my verdict.

It's alright I suppose. It's standard issue Harris, the ratio of profound lyrical content to riffs and slamming beats is, as usual, skewed heavily towards the latter, but it's a technique that's served him well over the years so why would he change it?

So yes, it is a variation on a theme, but it'll do for now.

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The band's blend of breakneck hardcore punk, dance and ska set dancefloors on fire across Europe until the band's split in 2007...but now they're back.

An impromptu invitation led to Capdown heading the Vans stage at the 2010 Slam Dunk festivals, and they had fun, so they're back - it's as simple as that.

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MK GALLERY

One of Frazer Waller's photos, which is part of his series exploring car boot sales.

BLETCHLEY-BORN Frazer Waller's love of photography began early in life and runs in the family.

His grandfather was a keen photographer and his father taught him how to process black and white film in a cupboard under the stairs at the age of eight.

After gaining an AS-level in photography from Lord Grey School, Frazer chose to go straight to work in a photographic studio.

His commercial photography career has included working as a local press photographer and commissions for national press, music and sports magazines.

Alongside these Frazer has been developing a portfolio of personal projects and has exhibited with local photographic group Catchlight Collective.

In 2009 he was selected to participate in a prestigious Magnum Photos workshop in Barcelona where he worked with Magnum photographer Chris Steele-Perkins for a week. The experience increased his confidence, enabling him to focus more on his own reportage projects.

In 2010 he was a finalist in the MK Community Foundation Arts Bursary Awards, which led to his inclusion in MK Gallery's current New Art MK exhibition, where he is showing 12 C-type prints from his latest Carbooting series.

Frazer says this project 'documents the quirkiness of car boot sales and explores the buzz of people searching for a bargain'.

He also says there is usually a hint of irony to be found in each image.

Process is important to him and he has shot each image on film and hand-printed it at the Rapid Eye Darkroom in London, an organisation he praises for keeping traditional photographic methods alive.

You can find out more about Frazer at the gallery's website - www.mkgallery.org - including his artistic influences and favourite YouTube clip.

His choice for the gallery's Friday Night film screening, The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou, can be seen on August 5.

Frazer and other New Art MK exhibitors will be In Conversation at MK Gallery on August 18 at 6.30pm.

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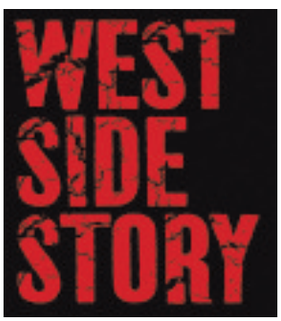

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Jenny's passion for musical theatre started at school where she took part in several musicals and she has recently finished her A-levels, including one in theatre studies.

Ross is a keen singer and performer who has regularly taken part in youth performances and recently appeared as Baby John in a school production of West Side Story. Ross is currently taking part in a Music Development Program in London.

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STOWE LANDSCAPE GARDENS

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Children are encouraged to imagine that they are a prince or princess and tell and act out their fairy stories in the gardens. They can even make a crown.

There are also family fun sessions throughout the holidays ranging from mini-beasting to discovering trees with Stowe's community engagement officer, Susan Le. These are free but must be pre-booked.

Susan said: "The sessions are great for people to enjoy the gardens at Stowe for the first time.

"We want to encourage families to enjoy the great outdoors, so if you are stuck for ideas pick up a copy of our calendar for useful tips to keep youngsters entertained during the holidays."

Activities take place in the gardens from Wednesday to Sunday throughout the school holidays and in the parkland on Mondays and Tuesdays when the gardens are closed.

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"I take it you like your baltis then?" he said.

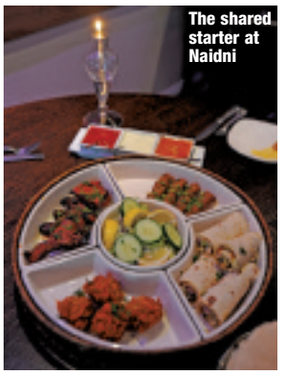
"Yeah I do. You can't beat them," I reply.

"Well wait until you try this", he said.

The challenge was set.

I was with three friends and before the starters we enjoyed a crisp Indian beer on the outside decking area.

Our starter, which acted as a communal centre piece for the table, contained chicken and lamb wraps, onion bhajis, seasoned lamb kebabs and delicious tandoori lamb, all presented in sectioned dishes - ideal for a taster for the main meal.


The shared starter at Naidni

The wraps I'm told were a speciality and I cannot deny they were pretty special.

Next up were the mains. Immediately I was looking at the dish that seemed the spiciest. I love my hot food but in the past I've found that it's a case of restaurants attempting to burn your mouth out in some macho attempt to prove they are the hottest of them all.

With Naidni I felt it was always about the experiment and the enjoyment of food rather than the 'here's your dinner, water is available on request.'

Our meal proved that when Indian is cooked right, you're hard pressed to find a substitute. 'Try some of this. This is nice' was heard, often, among us.

For those that like a nice mild curry the chicken mango is light, fruity and almost soup like. Try it with coconut rice and on a hot night in Buckinghamshire it's perfect.

If you like a bit more edge and bite to your Indian food the chicken shanti is a must, as is the balti garlic and lamb curry or the balti chicken methi, all available on request. Have them with plain rice and a standard naan bread and you won't feel short changed.

Naindi offers all-you-can-eat banquet buffets on Sundays and Wednesdays. For more details visit www.naindiindian.co.uk, or call 01908 635009.

Adam Thompson

VW COMPETITION

EVER wanted to experience the thrills and spills of some of the best motor racing action in the UK as a VIP?

Volkswagen dealership, Wayside Van Centre in Bilton Road, Bletchley, has teamed up with MK NEWS to give away a pair of VIP tickets to the next round of the British F3 and GT Championship, which includes the Volkswagen Racing Cup, on Sunday, September 4 at Rockingham.

The lucky winners will begin the day with breakfast in the exclusive Volkswagen VIP Paddock Club, before enjoying a tour of the paddock and a behind the scenes experience. They'll also get to meet director of Volkswagen commercial vehicles and driver of the Caddy Racer, Simon Elliott.

After this, they will make their way to the trackside viewing areas for the start of the first race and watch the Caddy Racer in the Volkswagen Racing Cup.

The winners will then return to the race centre to enjoy a two-course meal, before watching other races throughout the day.

During the day there is the opportunity to experience a lap of the Rockingham race circuit (subject to track availability) in the Volkswagen Racing Caravelle.

Winners will also be able to enjoy refreshments all day and sample the atmosphere at one of the UK's most exciting race circuits.

Simon Elliott in his VW Caddy Racer

To be in with a chance of winning this fantastic, money can't buy prize, simply answer this question: **What is the name of the Volkswagen racing van?**

Send your entries, along with your name, address and contact details, to competitions@mk-news.co.uk, or MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU. Closing date for entries is 5pm on Wednesday, August 10. Entrants must be 18 and over. The editor's decision is final.

For further information on the Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles range of vans and passenger carrying vehicles, or any of the latest finance offers at Wayside Van Centre (Milton Keynes), call 01908 366300, or visit www.volkswagen-vans.co.uk.

Commercial Vehicles

HEART FM COLUMN

HEART breakfast show presenters Stuart and Natalie wake you up each weekday morning and write to you each week in MK NEWS.

The big summer movies have hit our screens with Harry Potter, Cars 2 and Horrible Bosses.

Former Friends star Jennifer Aniston stars in Horrible Bosses and describes her role as a 'sort of not so stable dentist who is a little bit of a predator'.

We wanted to know how much fun it was to play a role that sees her scantily clad in stockings.

"It was a lot of fun, extraordinary, it was a closed set thankfully so it was just the director and my co-star Charlie," she said.

The scene was one of her favourites and she loved being the boss for a change

"It's such a male cliche and it was nice to be able to play a women taking control in that way," she added.

Jen is currently on a break and we will see her next in a new movie called Wonderlust in January.

Hot on the heels of his German Grand Prix win we caught up with Lewis Hamilton who appears in Cars 2.

He told us: "It's very, very surreal, I can't believe it. I can't actually even believe I'm a Formula One driver, it's a dream.

"I'm like everyone who goes to the cinema and thinks, it would be pretty cool if I could be in a movie or be in the credits and now here I am, part of one of the greatest animation movies.

"In this movie I don't blow up or anything so hopefully there'll be a role for me in Cars 3."

He denied rumours that he and Nicole Scherzinger are engaged.

"All we can do is laugh it off and hope that the world doesn't take notice," he said.

"We're massively focused on our work, she's working on her album and the X Factor USA and I'm focusing on my racing."

Stuart and Natalie present Heart Breakfast Monday to Friday from 6-10am on Heart 103.3FM

DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

THE Parks Trust is calling all creepy crawlies, spiders and bugs to join in its a Bugs Life. Learn about the life in the undergrowth and see if you can find the ultimate bug, 10.30am-1pm, Howe Park Wood. Cost £3 per child, booking required, details from www.theparkstrust.com.

WOMANS' Walking Network. Little Linford Lakes, 10am-noon, £1 each, meet in Stonepit field car park, Wolverton Road.

NORTH Bucks Speakers meeting 7.15pm at The Well at Willen. Guests are welcome. Free. For further information visit www.mktoastmasters.co.uk.

TWILIGHT Walkers, Little Linford Lakes, 8-10pm, £1 each, meet in Stonepit field car park, Wolverton Road.

FRIDAY

CLEARING out ditches with the BTCV Railway Walk Experience, 10.30am-3pm. Keeping the ditches free from rubbish and excess vegetation that has built up during the summer. Meet at Campion, Great Linford.

OPEN Air Theatre - Twelfth Night, Campbell Park Pavilion. Performed by Illyria, bring a picnic and experience the tale of a shipwreck, mistaken identity, romance, unrequited love and ribald revelry. Tickets £9 per adult, £6 per child, or £25 per family of four. Tickets must be bought in advance from www.theparkstrust.com, in person at Campbell Park Pavilion, or The Parks Trust on 01908 233600.

BLUES Brothers Tribute Night, Whittlebury Hall, 7.30pm-12.30am. This non-stop show is packed with more than two hours of the very best blues and soul music from both Blues Brothers movies, with plenty of laughs too. Tickets £45 per person, including a three-course dinner and half a bottle of house wine.

SATURDAY

HIROSHIMA Day. Join the Nipponzan Myohoji monks at the Peace Pagoda for lantern floating ceremony.
Park in the Peace Pagoda car park, V10 Brickhill Street, 7.30pm.

SUNDAY

MK RAMBLERS, 14 mile circular walk around the Brickhills. Meet at 9.30am in Woburn Car park (opposite St Mary's church, GR SP950332). Bring refreshments as required. No dogs please. Further details 01908 583374.

SKY Ride Local bike rides. Woburn Safari Loop, meet 10am Caldecote Lake car park. Circular 29-mile ride, speedy 11-12mph. Lap the Lake, meet 2pm Caldecote Lake car park. Circular 3.6-mile traffic free ride, slow 6mph.

WAGGY Walks. Take man's best friend on a nice walk with the Parks Trust around Waterhall Park. Meet in car park over canal, Mill Road, Water Eaton, 10am. Costs £1 per dog.

EASY Riders. An 18-mile cycle ride to Winslow starting from Furzton Lake. Meet 10am in the car park opposite the Bowl, V4 Watling Street. Under 16s must be accompanied.

LUNCHTIME music at the Woughton Centre. This week the Strawberry Mules a new band promising to play the cream of country rock. Starts about 1pm, free entry and families are welcome.

CLASSIC Car and Motorbike Picnic, Bletchley Park, 10.30am-5pm. This annual event celebrates classic cars and motorbikes of all ages, shapes and sizes. Owners and clubs are invited to bring their classic vehicles and picnic in the beautiful grounds.

MONDAY

ELDER Gate Toastmasters meeting, National Badminton Centre, Loughton Lodge, from 6-8pm. Free. For further details go to www.mktoastmasters.co.uk.

TUESDAY

ROTTEN Romans. Learn to be a Roman for the day. Make pottery and mosaics, play games and learn about the Romans that lived in Milton Keynes. Bancroft Park, cost £3 per child, 10.30am-1pm. Booking required, further details are available from www.theparkstrust.com.

WEDNESDAY

CRANFIELD Toastmasters meeting, 6pm at Cranfield University (Building 33). If you are wanting to improve your public speaking skills, Toastmasters has something to offer. For further information go to www.mktoastmasters.co.uk.

MK RAMBLERS five-mile circular walk from Stewkley (south end) from the Carpenters Arms pub on the main High Street (GR SP854253). Meet at 6.45pm, parking available around meeting point. No dogs please. More details available from 07749 886300.

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM DUXFORD

THE summer holidays are finally here and Imperial War Museum Duxford is offering fantastic fun for all the family until September 2.

Try your hand at exciting experiments as Feel the Force brings science and technology to life every day from 10.30am to 2.30pm, under the wings of the iconic Concorde in AirSpace.

Every day the Airfix Make and Paint Zone provides an opportunity to make your own model and paint it in a range of colours. Once complete, the finished model aircraft is placed into a hangar box so you can take your aviation masterpiece home as a souvenir.

Duxford takes a trip back to the 1940s Home Front with Gooseberries and Gas Masks in Hangar 4: Battle of Britain every day from 11am to 3pm.

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Emmaus Village Carlton OPERATIONS MANAGER

Emmaus Village Carlton offers a unique solution to homelessness in North Bedfordshire and surrounding areas by providing accommodation, work, training and support, helping our Companions find a way back into independent living.

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You will have proven people, financial and project management experience, ideally in a similar position in the voluntary/charity sectors and of working with vulnerable people. You will be expected to be an active participant in the life of the Community and support the Emmaus ethos and principles.

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- Good literacy and ICT skills
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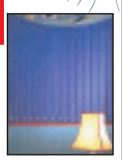

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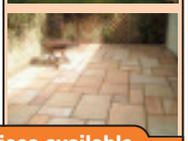
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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL (BARTON-LE-CLAY: PART OF FOOTPATH NO 9) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2010

On 19 July 2011 The Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs confirmed with modifications the above Order made under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the following length of public Footpath as shown on the Order map.

The part of Barton-Le-Clay Footpath No 9 to be diverted extends from Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OS GR) TL 0784 3097 in a southerly direction over a metalled surface for approximately 30 metres to OS GR TL 0784 3094 where it continues in a south easterly direction for approximately 72 metres over a grass surface to meet another part of Footpath No 9, Barton-Le-Clay at OS GR TL 0789 3088.

The alternative highway to be provided and known as Barton-Le-Clay Footpath No 9 extends from OS GR TL 0788 3094 at its junction with Longcroft Drive in a southerly then south easterly direction for approximately 26 metres to OS GR TL 0788 3091 and then continues in a south westerly direction for approximately 8 metres to OS GR TL 0787 3091 and then continues in a south easterly direction for approximately 8 metres to OS GR TL 0788 3090 where it continues in a southerly direction for approximately 21 metres to meet another part of Footpath No 9, Barton-Le-Clay at OS GR TL 0789 3088.

The new length of Barton-Le-Clay, Footpath No 9 to be created will have a width of 2.0 metres.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the offices of Countryside Access Team, Central Bedfordshire Council, Technology House, Ampthill Road, Bedford between 9.00am and 5.00pm Mondays to Thursdays and between 9.00am to 4.00pm Fridays. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there.

This Order comes into force on the date on which Central Bedfordshire Council certify that the public footpath described in Article 2 of the Order has been set out to their satisfaction, but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the order, he or she may apply to the High Court for any of these purposes under section 287 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within 6 weeks from the date on which notice is first published as required by paragraph 7 of Schedule 14 to that Act.

Dated 3 August 2011

David Leverington, Rights of Way Team Leader
Technology House, Ampthill Road, Bedford MK42 9BD

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)
(CHAUL END ROAD, CADDINGTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of Chaul End Road, Caddington which extends from the vehicle storage compound to the junction with Luton Road.

This temporary closure is required to enable foul sewer connection works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place on four days from Tuesday 23 August to Friday 26 August 2011. Closure times will be 8.00am to 5.00pm.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

From Chaul End Road turn right on Luton Road and continue on Dunstable Road to junction with A5. Turn right and continue on A5 to roundabout with A5065 Skimpot Road. Take 3rd exit and continue on A5065 to junction with Chaul End Road. Turn right and continue on Chaul End Road to vehicle storage compound access and site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 23 August 2011 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Keith Macbeth, Keyhoe Contractors, Tel: 01525 852588

Dated 3 August 2011

Basil Jackson, Assistant Director for Highways and Transportation
Central Bedfordshire Council, Technology House, Ampthill Road, Bedford MK42 9BD

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO MAKE A VARIATION ORDER TO AMEND THE OFF STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER 2011

Reason for Variation Order:

To standardize the payment procedure for the Penalty Charge Notices.

Therefore, Central Bedfordshire Council proposes to make a Road Traffic Regulation Order as follows:

Effect of the Variation Order:

It is proposed that the Variation Order will delete Paragraph 28. (a) of the "Central Bedfordshire Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2011" and substitute the following:

28. (a) Payment method of the Penalty Charge to the Council or the Council's contractor shall be as specified on the Penalty Charge Notice.

Further Details: of the proposed Variation Order and the original 2011 Order may be examined during normal opening hours at Dunstable Library, Vernon Place, Dunstable LU5 4HA and Leighton Buzzard Library, Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard LU7 1RX. These details will be placed on deposit until 6 weeks after the Order is made or until it is decided not to continue with the proposal. Telephone 0300 300 5650 for further advice on this proposal.

Objections: should be sent in writing to the Orders & Commons Registration Officer, Countryside Access Team, Central Bedfordshire Council, Technology House, 239 Ampthill Road, Bedford MK42 9BD or (e-mail: chris.heard@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk), stating the grounds on which they are made by 22nd August 2011.

Order title: if made will be "Central Bedfordshire Council Central Bedfordshire Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation) Order 2011".

Basil Jackson, Assistant Director for Highways
Technology House, 239 Ampthill Road, Bedford MK42 9BD

28th July 2011

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL (40MPH SPEED LIMIT)

(A5120 HARLINGTON ROAD/STATION ROAD AND B579 FANCOTT BRIDLEWAY, TODDINGTON) ORDER 2011

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL (HARLINGTON ROAD (SERVICE ROAD), TODDINGTON) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that Central Bedfordshire Council, the Highway Authority for the said area, proposes to make the above Orders under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The effect of the Order will be:-

1. To revoke the existing 40mph speed limit on that length of Station Road/Harlington Road, Toddington (Route A5120) from a point approximately 729 metres north of the junction with Park Road (Route UC190) in a generally northerly direction to a point approximately 99 metres north of Harlington Turn (Route C199) a total distance of approximately 1585 metres.
2. To introduce a new 40mph speed limit on the A5120 Harlington Road/Station Road, Toddington from a point approximately 729 metres north of its junction with Park Road, Toddington in a generally northerly direction to a point approximately 99 metres north of its junction with Toddington Road, Harlington a total distance of approximately 1492 metres.
3. To introduce a new 40mph speed limit on the B579 Fancott Bridleway from its junction with the A5120 Harlington Road in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 125 metres.
4. To introduce a new prohibition of driving except for access restriction along Harlington Road (Service Road) from its junction with the A5120 Harlington Road in a generally southerly direction for a distance of approximately 195 metres to coincide with the commencement of the gated road.

The purpose of the Orders is to accommodate the improvements to M1 Junction 12 and prevent inappropriate vehicles using the existing length of Harlington Road, which is to remain following completion of the works.

A copy of the draft Order, together with a plan showing the roads and lengths of roads affected and a Statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal opening hours at Toddington library, 9 Market Square, Toddington LU5 6BP.

If you wish to object to the proposed Orders you should write to **The Traffic Team, Freepost RSAR – CJLK – HSXB, URS Scott Wilson, 12 Regan Way, Chetwynd Business Park, Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 6RZ** setting out the grounds of your objection by 26th August 2011 quoting reference D123846/5/OR/00.002.

29th JULY 2011

Basil Jackson, Assistant Director for Highways
Technology House, 239 Ampthill Road, Bedford MK42 9QQ

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN & COUNTRY (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT) PROCEDURE ORDER 2010 AND/OR NOTICE UNDER SECTION 67 OR 73 OF PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/01676/FULL	**Affects Listed Building/Conserv. Area**
PROPOSAL:	Erection of rear car port and shed following demolition of existing outbuildings, renovation, refurbishment and alterations works	
LOCATION:	24 Market Square, Toddington, Dunstable, LU5 6BS	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/01677/LB	**Affects Listed Building/Conserv. Area**
PROPOSAL:	Listed Building:Erection of rear car port and shed following demolition of existing outbuildings, renovation, refurbishment and alterations works	
LOCATION:	24 Market Square, Toddington, Dunstable, LU5 6BS	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/01885/FULL	**Affects Conservation Area**
PROPOSAL:	Kitchen Extension, WC, Ensuite and bathroom	
LOCATION:	Conger House, Market Square, Toddington, Dunstable, LU5 6BP	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/01911/VOC	**General Publicity**
PROPOSAL:	Variation of condition 6 attached to the permission granted in accordance with The Town and Country planning act 1990 Section 177(5) appeal reference APP/N0220/C/02/1089332 and as previously amended by planning permission reference SB/TP/07/00606. (Relating to the names of authorised occupiers)	
LOCATION:	Greenacres, Gypsy Lane, Little Billington, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9BP	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/01922/FULL	**Affects Conservation Area**
PROPOSAL:	Change of use from A3 to A5 (class) hot food takeaway	
LOCATION:	1 Winfield Street, Dunstable, LU6 1LS	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/02007/FULL	**Affects Listed Building/Conserv. Area**
PROPOSAL:	Change of Use: To add D1 usage from 9.00am - 10.00pm	
LOCATION:	26 High Street South, Dunstable, LU6 3HA	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/02113/LB	**Affects Listed Building/Conserv. Area**
PROPOSAL:	Change of Use: To add D1 usage from 9.00am - 10.00pm	
LOCATION:	26 High Street South, Dunstable, LU6 3HA	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/02132/FULL	**Affects Conservation Area**
PROPOSAL:	Change of Use; Erection of replacement fence and to incorporate amenity land.	
LOCATION:	4 Rose Court, Eaton Bray, Dunstable, LU6 2RS	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/02159/LDCP	**General Publicity**
PROPOSAL:	Lawful Development Proposed: Internal works to create a single dwelling house	
LOCATION:	10-12 Peddars Lane, Stanbridge, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9JD	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/02161/FULL	**General Publicity**
PROPOSAL:	Erection of two houses with garaging and all ancillary works	
LOCATION:	Land adjoining 2 Lywood Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4RA	

Planning applications, related documents and drawings can be viewed on our website http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning

Alternatively, the application can be viewed at our offices at Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ or at the Points of Presence at The Old Court House, Woburn Street, Ampthill, MK45 2HX. The Job Centre Plus Building, High Street, Biggleswade and Bossard House, West Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DA. Our customer contact telephone number is 0300 300 8307. A paper copy application is sent to the local Town/Parish Council.

If you wish to make representations about any of these applications should do so within 21 days from the date of this notice by writing to the Head of Development Management, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ, or by email to planning@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Please quote the application number/s. Comments should be restricted to valid planning considerations such as effect on amenity, privacy, noise, traffic, access or similar. Please note any representations received are made available on our website for public inspection and so cannot be treated in confidence.

Assistant Director – Development Management 31st July 2011

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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HIGHWAYS AGENCY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a) AND (7) AND 15(2) AND PARAGRAPH 27(1) OF SCHEDULE 9
THE M1 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 9, HERTFORDSHIRE TO JUNCTION 14, MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) VARIATION ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has varied an existing Order on the M1 Motorway in Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and the Borough of Milton Keynes to allow for major construction works enabling the implementation of hard shoulder running to be carried out in safety.

The Order to be varied is The M1 Motorway (Junction 9, Hertfordshire to Junction 14, Milton Keynes) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2009 S.I. 2594.

The effect of the Order will be, from time to time during the works, to extend the working hours to allow for 24 hour closures of the northbound and southbound carriageways of the M1 between Junctions 9 and 14, including all entry and exit slip roads along this length.

The diversion routes which are in place during the night time closures will apply to the 24 hour closures and will be clearly signposted.

The Order will come into force on 8 August 2011 and continue until the works have been completed.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency.

General Enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to Lynne Stinson at the Highways Agency, The Cube, 199 Wharfside Street, Birmingham B1 1RN or by telephoning 0121 678 8350.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 116

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Stopping up of area of Highway adjacent to Grafton Street (V6) – Stadium:MK Development Site, Denbigh North, Milton Keynes, Stopping Up Order 2011

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to apply to the Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court sitting at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court, 301 Silbury Boulevard, Witan Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 2AJ on **Friday 9th September 2011 at 12.00 noon** for an Order under section 116 Highways Act 1980 authorising the Council to stop–up an area of the highway at Grafton Street (V6) – Stadium:MK Development Site, Denbigh North, Milton Keynes, which for the purposes of identification is shown shaded in mauve on the plan which will form part of the Order and described in the Schedule below, on the grounds that this area of highway is unnecessary for highway purposes.

At the hearing of the application for the Order, any person who would be aggrieved by the making of the Order applied for will have the right to be heard.

A copy of the plan showing the area of highway to be stopped-up can be inspected free of charge at the offices of the Council at the Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate, East Milton Keynes, MK9 3HG between 9.30am and 4.30pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive (please quote reference MJ/PE003645 and ask for Martin Jeffrey or Andy Swannell).

SCHEDULE

Area of Highway adjacent to Grafton Street (V6) – Stadium:MK Development Site, Denbigh North, Milton Keynes,

Area — An area of land comprising approximately 174.3 metres in length with varying widths of no more 12 metres forming a total area of 588.4 square metres of grass verge and vegetation

3rd August 2011

Milton Keynes Council
Civic Offices
1 Saxon Gate, East Milton Keynes
MK9 3HG

Philip McCourt
Assistant Director (Law and Governance)

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (ELDER GATE (PART) INCLUDING STATION SQUARE, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 3 August 2011 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, because of the likelihood of danger to the public, in the interests of safety and as a means of segregating traffic from pedestrians whilst essential maintenance works are undertaken in two phases to Central Milton Keynes mainline railway. It is anticipated that most of the restrictions will be in operation between Monday 8 August 2011 and 31 March 2012.

PARKING

The effects of these restrictions will include the temporary suspension of all current pay and display parking bays within Elder Gate at Station Square. Alternative short term parking will be provided in various locations within Elder Gate at Station Square for the duration of the works, and all will be clearly signed and enforceable.

In addition, all current provision for parking for disabled persons', Hackney carriages, private hire vehicles, taxis, motorcycles and delivery areas within Elder Gate at Station Square will be temporarily suspended. Provision for these will be made at various locations for the duration of the works, and all will be clearly signed and enforceable.

BUSES

Whist the restrictions are in effect, current bus stops will be relocated from Channel 2 outside Milton Keynes Central Railway Station to that part of Elder Gate at the front of Station Square which currently provides long stay parking. This long stay parking will be temporarily suspended for the duration of the works. Bus stops will also be provided in locations along the eastern side of Elder Gate. Diversion routes to bus stops will be clearly signed for the duration of the restrictions.

PHASE 1 – FROM 8 AUGUST 2011 FOR APPROXIMATELY 3 MONTHS

No vehicles will be permitted to proceed along the following lengths of roads:-

1. that part of Elder Gate on the north-western side of Station Square adjacent to Phoenix House for a distance of approximately 120 metres;
2. the whole length of Channel 3 (currently used for short stay parking and by taxis and private hire vehicles) for a distance of approximately 170 metres in a general south-easterly direction.

Please note:- Whilst this part of Elder Gate at Station Square is closed the alternative route will be via a gyratory system, using the southern part of Elder Gate at Station Square adjacent to Elder House and Channels 1 and 2. The alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Approximately 12 disabled persons' parking bays will be provided within Channel 1, adjacent to Milton Keynes Central Railway Station building, to the south of its main entrance.

Private hire, taxi and Hackney carriage bays, and motorcycle parking will be provided in Channels 1 and 2.

Approximately 26 short stay parking bays will also be provided along the full length of the eastern side of Channel 2 adjacent to the works hoarding;

All traffic should follow the temporary signage arrangements that will be in place during this time, and use the appropriate bays.

PHASE 2 – FROM MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2011 to 31 MARCH 2012 (depending upon the progress of Phase 1 and that no unforeseen circumstances or inclement weather are met). If works on Phase 1 progress well then Phase 2 might start a little earlier.

No vehicles will be permitted to proceed along the following lengths of roads:-

1. that part of Elder Gate on the southern side of Station Square adjacent to Elder House a distance of approximately 120 metres;
2. the whole of Channel 1 directly in front of the Station Building.

Hoarding will surround the whole of this area and there will be no pedestrian access through the area. Pedestrians will be required to use the footways adjacent to the Station building and Phoenix House.

Please Note:- Whilst this part of Elder Gate is closed the alternative route will be via a gyratory system using the north-western side of Elder Gate adjacent to Phoenix House and Channels 2 and 3. The alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Approximately 10 disabled persons' parking bays will be provided in Channel 2, adjacent to the hoarding, to the south of the main entrance to Milton Keynes Central Railway Station building.

Private hire, taxi and Hackney carriage bays and motorcycle parking will be provided in Channels 2 and 3.

Approximately 13 short stay parking bays will also be provided on the western side of Channel 2, to the north of the main entrance to Milton Keynes Central Railway Station building main entrance, adjacent to the works hoarding.

All traffic should follow the temporary signage arrangements that will be in place during this time, and use the appropriate bays.

There will be no access for emergency services vehicles, military vehicles and pedestrians in the closed areas bounded by the hoarding during both Phases 1 and 2.

All businesses adjacent to Station Square will be notified in writing by the applicant prior to the commencement of the restrictions.

A full list of descriptions of the areas affected will be shown in the Order and there are maps available for inspection during normal office hours at Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, please quote reference 1780/4018/BAS.

The Order comes into operation on 8 August 2011 and the restrictions will be in force on the days and at the times shown above and when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the said works have been completed and the danger no longer exists, which ever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further Order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of any movement restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Any person committing a breach of any waiting restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon issue of such penalty charge as prescribed by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance, 3rd August 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, SERVICE ROADS, PARKING BAYS AND PORTES COCHERES, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, intends to make an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event known as "Skyride", a national cycling event, which has been requested by Mr Richard Duffill on behalf of Milton Keynes Council. The effect of the Order is to temporarily prohibit all access along various lengths of roads, service roads and portes cocheres within Central Milton Keynes and to prohibit vehicles from parking within some parking bays within Central Milton Keynes, including some disabled persons' parking bays.

It is anticipated that parts of the following roads will be closed to all vehicles at various times between midnight on Saturday 27th August 2011 until midnight on Sunday 28th August 2011:

Midsummer Boulevard in both directions, from its junction with the V6 Grafton Gate to its junction with Saxon Gate, including the stub area, including all portes cocheres and all junctions with the access roads leading to the car parking areas and service roads along the route.

V7 Saxon Gate in both directions, starting from a point approximately 100 metres from its junction with Avebury Boulevard in a north westerly direction for a distance of approximately 440 metres in a north westerly direction.

Silbury Boulevard (except for disabled drivers and vehicles used in connection with the event who shall be permitted access to the converted parking bays to the front of North Gate House) in both directions, starting from its junction with the V6 Grafton Gate to its junction with North Ninth Street, including all portes cocheres and all junctions with the access roads leading to the car parking areas and service roads along the route.

Witan Gate in both directions from its junction with Avebury Boulevard to its junction with the access road adjacent to Milton Keynes Magistrates Court and the police station.

Upper Second Street in both directions from its junction with Silbury Boulevard to its junction with Midsummer Boulevard.

Whilst the above lengths of roads are temporarily closed the alternative route will be via the H5 Portway to North Secklow Roundabout, then along Seckow Gate to its junction with Avebury Boulevard, then right along Avebury Boulevard to its junction with Grafton Gate at Avebury Roundabout then right along the V6 Grafton Gate to its junction with the H5 Portway at North Grafton Roundabout and vice versa.

It is anticipated that all access to the following parking bays, portes cocheres and access roads will be temporarily prohibited from 8.00pm on Saturday 27th August 2011 until 23.59pm on Sunday 28th August 2011:

All those parking bays, including disabled persons' parking bays, together with the access road and portes cocheres, to the front of Southgate House down to Genesis House 301-451 Midsummer Boulevard parallel with Midsummer Boulevard.

All those parking bays, including disabled persons' parking bays, together with the access road to the front of Christ the Cornerstone Church parallel with Saxon Gate.

All those parking bays to the front of North Gate House parallel with Silbury Boulevard will be temporarily converted to disabled persons' parking bays and the access road leading from Silbury Boulevard will be closed except to disabled drivers and vehicles used in connection with the event. All portes cocheres in this area will be closed.

All those parking bays in front of Silbury Court and Medina House parallel with Silbury Boulevard.

All those parking bays in front of Sovereign Court parallel with Witan Gate.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 27th August 2011 at 8.00pm and will continue in operation for a maximum of 3 days or until the completion of the relevant event, whichever shall be the sooner.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the event.

The course will be clearly signed and marked and marshals will be in attendance throughout the event. Where road closures are to take place these will be signed prior to the event taking place.

A copy of the proposed Order, a statement of reasons for making the Order and a map showing the areas referred to, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, quoting reference number P&E/1781/TCO/4039/WL

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance, 3rd August 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (PART OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NUMBER 30 HANSLOPE) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to give effect to the temporary closure of part of public footpath No 30 known as Glebe Lane Hanslope starting from a point from the western boundary of No 7 for a distance of approximately 35 metres in a general north easterly direction to the eastern boundary of number 9 Glebe Lane.

The closure is required for a utility connection to the property at number 9 Glebe Lane since the lane is too narrow for these works to be carried out in safety of the public and the workforce

The footpath will be closed from Monday 15th August 2011 to Wednesday 17th August for a gas supply to be laid; the road may reopen sooner if the works have been completed.

The footpath will be closed again on Monday 26th September 2011 for a period of two weeks to enable an electricity supply to be laid in safety of the public and the workforce; again the footpath may reopen sooner if the works have been completed.

As this is a no through lane there is no diversionary route, and because the works require deep excavations, there will be no access for all vehicles including emergency services vehicles. The public footpath will be fully closed at this point. Residences will be able to access their property on foot only. National Grid Gas will be notifying all affected properties by letter.

The footpath closure will be signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual and advance information signs will be placed at each end of the affected path a few days before the works are due to take place.

The Order will come into operation on Monday 15th August 2011 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 6 months or until the said works have been completed

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance, 3rd August 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (SPUR ROAD IN BUCKINGHAM ROAD, BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 3rd August 2011, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to enable a water mains connection to take place in safety for the public and the workforce

The effect of this will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular access along that part of the spur road of Buckingham Road from a point approximately 10 metres from its junction with Cottingham Grove for a distance of approximately 40 metres in a general easterly direction

It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from Monday 8th August 2011 to Friday 26th August 2011 but the road may re-open sooner if the works have been completed

While the road is closed the alternative route will be via Mansfield Grove, Burns Road and Cottingham Grove and vice versa.

Each of the residences affected by the closure will be notified by letter. The road closure will be signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual and advance information signs will be placed at either end of the affected spur road a few days before the works are due to take place. Access will be available for emergency services vehicles and military service vehicles.

The order will come into operation on Monday 8th August 2011 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance, 3rd August 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (PART OF WATER EATON ROAD BLETCHLEY MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 3rd August 2011 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because of works being carried out, namely to enable the removal of a road build-out to take place. The effect of which will temporarily prohibit vehicular traffic from proceeding along Water Eaton Road Bletchley Milton Keynes from a point just west of its junction with Duncombe Street Bletchley Milton Keynes for a distance of approximately 30 metres in a general north westerly direction towards the railway bridge. It is anticipated that the closure will commence on Monday 8th August 2011 and that it will continue until Sunday 21st August 2011 both dates inclusive. The road may open sooner if the works are complete and it is safe to do so.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates and at the times shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

The alternative route for cars and light good vehicles traveling east will be to continue north on the Buckingham Road to the Brunel roundabout then right heading south down Duncombe Street then east on Osborne Street and south down Windsor Street to the Water Eaton Road junction then left on the Water Eaton Road to continue east on the same.

The alternative route for cars and light good vehicles traveling west will be from the Water Eaton Road turn into Brooklands Road and travel north to the junction with Findlay Way traveling east on the same. At the junction with Lennox Road travel north and continue north and then west along Princes Way. At the Princes Way roundabout travel south on the V7 Saxon Street to the Brunel roundabout then west on the Buckingham Road.

The alternative route for Heavy Duty vehicles will be passing Water Eaton Road in a northerly direction on Manor Road then turn left and travel west along Vicarage Road and Queens Way, then right into Princes Way traveling north. At the Princes Way roundabout turn left traveling south down the V7 Saxon Street to the Brunel roundabout and then along the Buckingham Road in a westerly direction.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order.

The Order will come into operation on Monday 8th August 2011 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance, 3rd August 2011
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (FOOTWAY AND PARKING BAYS (PART) ADJACENT TO 44 CHURCH STREET, BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 3rd August 2011, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access along that part of the footway on Church Street, Bletchley, from a point approximately 60 metres west of its junction with Aylesbury Street, Bletchley for a distance of approximately 18 metres in a westerly direction and to temporarily prohibit all vehicular access within the three car parking bays located on Church Street, Bletchley adjacent to number 44 Church Street, Bletchley.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure is necessary to enable scaffolding and a hoist to be placed on the footway and a skip to be placed in the parking bays on the highway to enable roofing works to take place at number 44 Church Street. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will come into effect from Monday 8th August 2011 until Monday 3rd October 2011, inclusive. The road may reopen sooner if the works are completed ahead of schedule.

The alternative route whilst the footway is closed will be via the existing footway on the opposite side of Church Street.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order except for the emergency services.

The Order will come into operation on 8th August 2011 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of this Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance, 3rd August 2011
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES AMENDMENTS TO CAR SHARE PERMIT SCHEME 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make three amendment traffic regulation Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that will reflect the Council's change of management of the Car Share Scheme within Milton Keynes. The titles of these Orders are recited at the end of this Notice and would have the following effects: -

1. The removal of all references to both "Milton Keynes Sustainable Transport Limited" and "Car Share Permit Club" within the car share Orders and replaced with the wording "Milton Keynes Council" – this reflects the change in management of the scheme.
2. The removal of exemptions for Blue Badge Holders parking in Car Share permit parking places except within the car share bays located on North Eighth Street, during the prescribed hours on Saturdays and Sundays.
3. To amend an item description given in Schedule 1 Part B of the 2005 Order, which incorrectly described the area of carriageway affected by that Order in relation to some car share bays located on Avebury Boulevard.
4. To revoke an item from Schedule 1 of the 2004 Order, which was incorrectly inserted when that Order was made, the effect of which will be to reflect the existing on-street parking provisions in South Tenth Street.

The classes of vehicles affected by the proposed Orders are passenger vehicles, dual-purpose vehicles, goods vehicles, disabled persons' vehicles, mopeds and motorcycles. Exemptions from some of the proposed Orders include: emergency service vehicles, statutory undertakers, loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation and some others.

Copies of the proposed Orders along with a statement of reason for proposing the Orders and copies of any orders to be varied or revoked by these proposals, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing (not by email)** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 24th August 2011 quoting reference P&E/1771/TRO/3985/WL.

Titles of Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders:

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Car Share and Pool Car Parking Places) Order 2004) Variation Order 2011

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Car Share Permit, Premium Rate Pay and Display and Pay By Mobile Phone Parking Places) Order 2010) Variation Order 2011

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Residents' and Car Share Permit Parking Places) Order 2005) Variation Order 2011

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3rd August 2011

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
(CONGER LANE AND MARKET SQUARE (EAST OF A5120), TODDINGTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along the total lengths of Conger Lane and Market Square (east of A5120), Toddington.

This temporary closure is required to enable surfacing works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th August 2011 between 8am and 6pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

This closure will take place in conjunction with a closure of Luton Road, Toddington.

There is no alternative route available for this closure.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 4th August 2011 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

Dated 3rd August 2011

Basil Jackson, Assistant Director for Highways
Central Bedfordshire Council, Technology House, Ampthill Road, Bedford MK42 9BD

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
(LUTON ROAD, TODDINGTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of Luton Road, Toddington which extends from the A5120 to The Crescent. The one-way status of Luton Road will be revoked for the duration of the closure.

This temporary closure is required to enable surfacing works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th August 2011 between 8am and 6pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

This closure will take place in conjunction with a closure of Market Square (east), Toddington.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed south on Luton Rd to Princess St. Turn right and continue on Princess St to the A5120, High St. Turn right and continue on the A5120 to Luton Rd and site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 4th August 2011 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

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Dated 3rd August 2011

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
(MARKET SQUARE (WEST OF A5120), TODDINGTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of Market Square (west of A5120), Toddington which extends from the A5120 to Leighton Road.

This temporary closure is required to enable surfacing works to take and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th August 2011 between 8am and 6pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed along south side of Market Square to junction with A5120 Church Square. Turn left and continue to junction with Market Square and site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 4th August 2011 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
(A5120 HARLINGTON ROAD, STATION ROAD, CHURCH SQUARE AND HIGH STREET, TODDINGTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of the A5120 Harlington Road, Station Road, Church Square and High Street, Toddington which extends from the B530 Fancott Bridleway to Luton Road.

This temporary closure is required to enable surfacing works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place on Saturday 6th, Sunday 7th and Saturday 13th August 2011 between 7am and 10pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed south on A5120 to A5 in Dunstable. Turn right and continue on A5 to A4012 in Hockliffe. Turn right and continue on A4012 to roundabout with A507 Ridgmont Bypass. Take 3rd exit and continue on A507 to A5120 (Flitwick/Ampthill). Take 3rd exit and continue on A5120 through Flitwick, Westoning and over M1 to Fancott Bridleway and site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 6th August 2011 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

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Dated 3rd August 2011

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
(MANCROFT ROAD, CADDINGTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of Mancroft Road, Caddington which extends from Little Green Lane to Woodside Road.

This temporary closure is required to enable culvert cleaning works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place during TWO WEEKS from Monday 22nd August 2011 between 8am and 6pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

From Mancroft Rd turn left on Woodside Rd and proceed to Manor Rd. Turn left and continue on Manor Rd to Dunstable Rd. Turn left and continue on Dunstable Rd to Mancoft Rd. Turn left and continue on Mancroft Rd to Little Green Lane and site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 22nd August 2011 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

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NOTICE is hereby given that: Milton Keynes Theatre & Gallery Company has applied to THE LICENCE AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a PREMISES LICENCE/CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

At 900 Midsummer Boulevard Central Milton Keynes MK9 3QA

The following licensable activities are proposed during the following times: Film screenings, live music, artist performances, workshops and events and sale of alcohol. Thursdays 18.00 – 22.00 Fridays 18.00 – 22.00 and occasionally at other times of the day/week.

Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursdays between the hours of 9am and 5pm, and Fridays 9am – 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.mkweb.co.uk/licensing

Any interested party (such as a resident or local business) or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by 31st August 2011 to the following address: Licensing Team, Environmental Directorate, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ. Tel: 01908 252800. Email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Representations received in response to this review will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety, or protection of children from harm.) Individuals making a representation must live in the vicinity of the premise.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES – CALVERTON & WEALD, CASTLETHORPE, CHICHELEY, HANSLOPE, LAVENDON, AND TATHALL END – SPEED RESTRICTIONS ORDERS 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 1st August 2011, made 7 Orders under sections 82(2), 83(2), 84(1) and (2) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the Act). The titles of these Orders are recited at the end of this Notice. The Orders will effect all classes of vehicle and would have the following effects: -

1. Calverton Road, Calverton & Weald – The introduction of a 40 mph speed limit on Calverton Road, along both sides of the carriageway, from a point approximately 9.5 metres north-west from the access to Fairfield Farm for a distance of approximately 1150 metres in a north-westerly direction.

2. Various Roads, Castlethorpe – The introduction of a 30 mph speed limit on:

Bullington End Road, both sides of the carriageway, from a point approximately 143 metres north-east of its junction with Thrupp Close for a distance of approximately 130 metres in a north-easterly direction.

Hanslope Road, both sides of the carriageway, from a point approximately 97 metres north of its junction with Lodge Farm Court for a distance of approximately 130 metres in a northerly direction.

Station Road, both sides of the carriageway, from a point approximately 38 metres south of its junction with Shepperton Close for a distance of approximately 10 metres in a south-westerly direction.

3. Bedlam Lane, Chicheley - The introduction of a 30 mph speed limit along both sides of the carriageway along the entire length of Bedlam Lane, Chicheley, Milton Keynes.

4. Various Roads, Hanslope – The introduction of a 30 mph speed limit on:

Castlethorpe Road, both sides of the carriageway, from a point approximately 148 metres south-west of its junction with St James Close for a distance of approximately 558 metres in a south-westerly direction.

Newport Road, both sides of the carriageway, from a point approximately 86 metres north-east of its junction with Gold Street for a distance of approximately 580 metres in a north-easterly direction.

The Order will revoke the following Orders in their entirety:

THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) (NO. 8) ORDER, 1975; and

THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) (NO. 5) ORDER 1979

5. Forest Road, Hanslope – The introduction of a 40 mph speed limit on Forest Road, along both sides of the carriageway, from a point approximately 23 metres north-east of its junction with Hartwell Road for a distance of approximately 600 metres in a north-easterly direction.

6. Harrold Road (part), Lavendon – The introduction of a 30 mph speed limit on Harrold Road, along both sides of the carriageway, from a point approximately 20 metres north-east of its junction with The Glebe for a distance of approximately 85 metres in a north-easterly direction.

7. Various Roads, Tathall End – The introduction of a 30 mph speed limit on:

Newport Road, along both sides of the carriageway, from a point approximately 87 metres west of its junction with the un-named road (between Newport Road and Park Road) adjacent to Pilgrims Cottage, for a distance of approximately 387 metres in a northerly then easterly direction.

Un-named Road (Between Newport Road and Park Road), along both sides of the carriageway, from its junction with Newport Road for a distance of approximately 117 metres in a westerly direction.

The Orders will come into effect from 5th August 2011.

Copies of the Orders as made, together with maps showing the areas referred to along with a statement of reason for making the Orders, and any Orders being varied or revoked by these Orders, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or any provision contained in the Orders on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Orders were made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Titles Of Speed Restriction Orders:

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Calverton Road, Calverton & Weald) (40 mph Speed Restriction) Order 2011

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Bedlam Lane, Chicheley) (Restricted Road) Order 2011

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads, Castlethorpe) (Restricted Road) Order 2011

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads, Hanslope) (Restricted Road) Order 2011

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Forest Road, Hanslope) (40 mph Speed Restriction) Order 2011

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Harrold Road (part), Lavendon) (Restricted Road) Order 2011

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads, Tathall End) (Restricted Road) Order 2011

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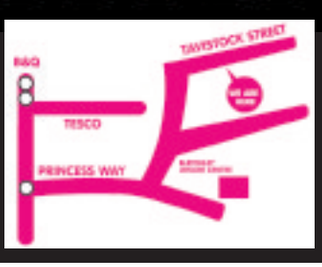

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Vettel second but his lead increases

Second: but Vettel extended his lead.

RED BULL were unable to get back to winning ways at Sunday's rain-hit Hungarian Grand Prix but Sebastian Vettel still managed to extend his lead at the top of the drivers' standings.

The German had earlier secured yet another pole position of the season but he was edged out by Jenson Button's McLaren and forced to settle for second, in a race where tyre selection in tricky conditions was key.

However, his lead at the top has been increased to 85 points going into the season's three-week hiatus.

The World Champion's lead, built up over the first half of the season, is seemingly insurmountable, but Red Bull have now failed to win any of the past three races.

This streak has led some to suggest that the city-based team's dominance of the sport is at an end, and last week both drivers questioned the performance of their car.

Australian Mark Webber had to settle for a disappointing fifth in Hungary after he risked changing to intermediate tyres during what turned out to be a brief rain shower.

Vettel, who recovered to take second after some early errors, admitted that Red Bull's rival teams were biting back.

He said: "The McLarens are strong in all sorts of conditions and it's clear that for two races now they have made a step forward. We need to make sure we come back strong for the next race."

The next race on the F1 calendar is the Belgian Grand Prix at Spa-Francorchamps on August 28.

BASEBALL

Brilliant Bucks are champions

MK Bucks have been crowned as league champions in their 25th anniversary year.

MK BUCKS have celebrated the 25th year of baseball in the city in style by clinching the league championship.

The club hosted the defending AA Midlands League Champions Leicester Blue Sox at Woughton on the Green playing fields on Sunday and came away with the two victories they needed to clinch their title.

In the first game, the Bucks pitchers initially struggled to make their mark and the Sox capitalised to take the lead.

Although the Bucks managed to put some runs together, the visitors did not make it easy on them and Leicester were quick to take advantage of some sloppy play by the MK side.

It seemed like the Bucks celebrations would have to be put on hold as they struggled to put any solid offense together, but in the end their determination and grittiness prevailed.

Jon Reynolds came in as relief pitcher for the struggling Bucks and silenced the Sox offense to give the Bucks a platform to launch their attack and take the first game by the score of 23-13.

With half of their mission completed the champagne was put on ice in anticipation of a second win by the Bucks which would confirm their status as league champions.

However once again, the Sox team gave the Bucks players and supporters alike an uncomfortable time as they battled to silence the Bucks batters.

The Bucks looked off pace as they perhaps already had an eye on the prize and the celebrations.

With the match tied at ten all later on, Japanese star player Tamaki Tachikawa was in action at the plate.

Reynolds advanced to third with aggressive base running.

Manager Ernie Ayala then called for a suicide squeeze which saw Tachikawa execute a textbook bunt and allowed Reynolds to score the game winning run, giving Bucks the victory 11-10.

The club will now advance to the national play-offs and the chance of more glory.

A delighted Ayala said: "I'm really proud of my team, they have played really well throughout the season.

"On the day we were a bit tense and not quite firing on all cylinders, but it was a great team effort throughout the season.

"We've now got time to prepare for the play-offs and if we can get our pitching back to what it was like at the start of the season, we've got a good chance."

SPORTSSHORTS

ATHLETICS

MILTON Keynes athletes came away with two silver medals at this weekend's UK Championships and World Trials in Birmingham.

In the 400m Chris Clarke twice lost out to Martyn Rooney – first in the heats by just one hundredth of a second as he finished in 45.65s.

However, in the final Clarke pulled out all of the stops and narrowly failed to beat his old club record with his time of 45.61s.

Rooney won the race in 45.44s but neither athlete ran the 'A' standard time needed to automatically book a place in the British team for the World Championships in Daegu, South Korea.

Despite this Clarke's performance has cemented his place in the 4x400 relay team for the event.

The second silver medalist was javelin thrower Mervyn Luckwell, who stole second place away from James Campbell with his last throw of 75.06m.

This was also not good enough for the 'A' standard needed to claim one of three spots Great Britain can utilise at the World Championships in each event, and Luckwell now faces a race against time to throw the 79.5 metres required to claim one of the coveted places. In the same event, Michael Cox finished back in 11th with a distance of 62.15.

Having made it to the 100m final with 10.40s in his 100m heat and 10.32s in the semi, Craig Pickering withdrew from the final and will now have to wait and see if he gains selection for the relays.

Long jumper Greg Rutherford missed the event after picking up an injury, but he is certain to compete in Korea after his rivals failed to get close to his standard.

Kadi-Ann Thomas finished seventh in both the 100m semi-finals and 200m final and Joey Duck was fifth in her 200m heat.

Chloe Whalley was seventh in her 100m hurdles heat.

ROWING

THERE has been more success for rowers in the green and black strip of Milton Keynes.

Juniors John Smith, 18, and Alex Baines, 15, took on seniors in their double scull and powered their way to an easy win in the final of their race at the St Neots Regatta.

Also winning in a high status double scull race were Tom Rivett and Mike Funge who were racing together for the first time.

The competition is tough at this level and they gave it all they had to win by a close margin.

MK Ladies Liz Tatman, Lindy Gray, Sam Street and Andi Grossey continued their winning streak with a win in the sculling quad and they looked strong as they left their opposition several boat lengths behind them at the finish. They also joined the men in a mixed sweep oar eight and came away with yet another win in a close run race.

LOCAL CRICKET

MORRANTS FOUR COUNTIES LEAGUE

Division One

ALEX Walker finished unbeaten on 77 as leaders North Crawley comfortably saw off Newport Pagnell by six wickets.

North Crawley opted to field and Robin Platten was the pick of the bowlers with 4/47 as Newport were bowled out for just 107.

Walker's innings came off just 65 balls as the target was reached with the loss of four wickets, three of them taken by Daniel Broad who finished with figures of 3/15.

Milton Keynes City and Eaton Bray, second and third place respectively, played out a draw in a big game at the top of the table, with Eaton picking up the majority of the points on offer.

City were asked to field and struggled against Eaton openers Wes Hocking (90) and Paul Harris (56) who built a first wicket stand of 114.

However, the rest of the order failed to come to the party and the last nine wickets fell for just 79 runs, Eaton finishing on 193 all out and Dave Loveland taking 3/28.

City suffered a nightmare start to their reply when the top five fell cheaply but Jason Loveland (30) and Imran Tahir (30) steadied the ship and steered the side to 157/8 for the losing draw.

Milton Keynes CC demolished New Bradwell by 123 runs after Dharmesh Mistry's unbeaten 103 helped to set up an imposing total of 288/5.

New Bradwell reached 50 before losing their first wicket but Nimesh Chavda's 5/50 ensured they never got close to the total.

Olney Town just failed to take ten wickets against Biddenham and were forced to settle for a winning draw after they had initially scored 175, Graeme Hacking making 51.

Biddenham struggled in reply but hung on to finish on 130/9 to avoid defeat.

In the remaining game, Elstow comfortably beat bottom club Studham by seven wickets.

NORTHANTS PREMIER LEAGUE

Premier Division

STONY Stratford slumped to a disappointing 113 run defeat to the Northamptonshire Cricket Academy at Ostlers Lane.

Ali Birkby's 89 and Oliver Stone's 65 helped the visitors to 256/6 from their 55 overs after Stony had made early breakthroughs to leave their opponents struggling on 66/4.

Stony then struggled with the bat, slipping to 16/3 after Sharn Gomes, Mihir Choksi and Sainath Ravikumar all fell cheaply.

Only Andrew Miller, who finished not out on 65, offered resistance as Stony were bowled out for only 143.

All ten of the Stony wickets to fall went to catches, and they now sit ninth in the Premier League table.

CHERWELL LEAGUE

Division One

BLETCHLEY Town travelled to Great and Little Tew and suffered a match to forget.

The visitors were dismissed for just 75 with Andy Harris taking 4/21, and the total was surpassed with the loss of just four wickets.

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Back in town: The return of Angelo Balanta is a huge positive for Dons

Dons get Balanta boost

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DONS have succeeded in bringing one of their top transfer targets back to stadiummk.

Popular Columbian winger Angelo Balanta has rejoined from Premier League new boys Queens Park Rangers to give the club a huge boost just days before Saturday's big League One opener at home to Hartlepool United.

The 21-year-old, who impressed so greatly for Dons on loan last-season, has agreed to come on loan again for six months.

He will be available for the Hartlepool clash and every game up to and including the New Year's Eve fixture at Brentford.

Boss Karl Robinson has made no secret of his desire to bring Balanta back to Milton Keynes as he plots promotion to the Championship this season.

He previously said that although phone calls had been made, he expected Balanta to be playing his football at a higher level than League One in 2011/12.

However, a move to a Championship club did not come about as expected and now Robinson has his man.

A winger and a player who would excite the fans were always two of the major priorities on his summer shopping list and Balanta fits the bill for both.

He made 25 appearances last season and scored seven times, despite missing four months of the campaign with a broken ankle.

Robinson said: "Last year Angelo showed he is an incredibly talented footballer and to have him back is fantastic news for the football club, but he knows he has to deliver week in, week out and continue to develop his own game.

"I have said all summer I wanted a player to come in who would excite the fans, play our style of football and add something special to the team and in Angelo I know we have that."

■ **Fans who attended the Spurs game will be able to watch the Hartlepool match at a special rate of £10 for adults and £1 for under-16s.**

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Balanta top summer target for Dons boss

Got our man: As reported on the back page of the June 1 MK NEWS, Balanta was a top summer target for Karl Robinson

Robbo knows his first line-up

KARL Robinson knows the 11 who will kick-off the League One season against Hartlepool United on Saturday.

Speaking after the Dons ended their pre-season campaign with a 1-1 draw at Barnet this weekend, the club's manager confirmed that he has already mentally picked his first line-up of the season.

One player who won't be in it is French defender Mathias Kouo-Doumbe who will miss the first six weeks of the season at least with ankle ligament damage.

He limped out of the friendly defeat to Oxford last week and will likely be replaced at right-back by youngster Adam Chicksen, who impressed against Tottenham last Tuesday and had another good game against Barnet.

Irishman Shaun Williams is favourite to partner Gary MacKenzie in the centre of defence after the midfielder was tried in the position during pre-season.

However, he did come off at half-time against Barnet after picking up a knock, with Tom Flanagan coming on for the second half.

Robinson said: "Adam has perhaps solved a few headaches, he's done very well in two games.

"Shaun Williams has grown on me through pre-season, his passing is excellent, he's good in the air for someone his size and he gives us freedom in possession."

The manager said Williams was happy to play at the back, saying that 'he just loves playing football'.

New striker Dean Bowditch will also be hoping to start, although the former Yeovil man has not been fit to play for large periods of the warm-up games.

"Dean was sloppy at times against Barnet but he's not played much in pre-season," Robinson said.

"I'm sure when he gets up and running we'll see the quality he possesses."

Dons missed numerous chances in the draw at Underhill, and Robinson said afterwards that it could have been 10-0.

A number of opportunities also went to waste at Oxford but the manager said he wasn't concerned.

"I back them," he said. "Long may it continue that we play the football we do, and the chances keep coming."

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